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Governors cannot sit on Bills passed by House: SC

The real power vests with elected representatives of people in a parliamentary democracy, the Bench said as it settled the law in a writ petition filed by Punjab government against Governor

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday laid down that a Governor cannot sit on key Bills passed by a State Legislature after casting doubts on the validity of the Assembly session in which the proposed laws were passed with overwhelming majority by the elected representatives of the people.

The apex court settled the law in a writ petition filed by the Punjab government, represented by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, complaining that Governor Banwarilal Purohit has held back crucial Bills on Sikh gurdwaras, the police and higher education passed in a special sitting of the Budget Session of the Vidhan Sabha on June 19 and June 20.

Warning the Governor that "you are playing with fire", the court directed him to take a decision on the long-pending Bills presented to him for assent.

"Real power vests with the elected representatives of the people in a parliamentary form of democracy. The Governor, as an appointee of the President, is a titular head of the State. The Governor acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers save in areas where the Constitution gives him discretion. The power to take decisions affecting the governance of the State or the nation is essentially entrusted to the elected arm of the state," the court held.

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Court's prescription

SC observed that Governor is "playing with fire" by holding back crucial Bills

- Governor cannot sit on Bills claiming the House passed them in an invalid session convened after adjourning sine die without prorogation
- Speaker is within jurisdiction in adjourning the House sine die
- Any attempt to cast doubt on the session of the Legislature is fraught with grave perils to democracy

"The Governor, as an appointee of the President, is a titular head of the State"
SUPREME COURT BENCH

SC issues notice on T.N.'s petition against R.N. Ravi

NEW DELHI
A three-judge Bench on Friday issued formal notice to the Union of India through the Home Ministry to respond to the T.N. government's petition that Governor R.N. Ravi was acting in a manner which "defeats the rights of the people" of the State to welfare legislation. » PAGE 14

Vijayendra appointed State BJP president

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With about six months left for Lok Sabha elections, the BJP high command on Friday appointed B.Y. Vijayendra, son of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, as president of the State unit.

The 1975 born MLA for Shikaripur replaces Nalin Kumar Kateel who had held the post from August 2019.

Promising to take all senior leaders along, Mr. Vijayendra said his immediate task was clearly cut out: to extensively tour the State, revamp the party and win the "maximum number of seats" in the Lok Sabha elections to ensure the return of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister.

B.Y. Vijayendra

Mr. Yediyurappa had been lobbying hard for his son to be anointed as State unit president of the party for many months now, arguing that it was vital to pick a Veerashaiva-Lingayat for the post given that they had been the party's strong support base and were disenchanted after he resigned.

However, there was considerable opposition from within the party to the move. It was argued that the choice would dent their "dynastic politics" plank against the Opposition.

The BJP State unit had been facing jibes from the Congress for not being able to name a new party president or Leader of Opposition. Soon after being named party president, Mr. Vijayendra announced that the Leader of Opposition would be picked next Friday.

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Antony Blinken meets S. Jaishankar ahead of the 5th India-U.S. 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi. ANI

Dinakar Peri
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India reiterated the need for a two-state solution to end the current Israel-Palestinian crisis, during a ministerial meeting between India and the United States on Friday. The Foreign and Defence Ministers of both countries focused on the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel and called for the "immediate release" of those being held hostage in the Gaza Strip. There was no mention of a ceasefire; instead, India and the U.S. called for "humanitarian pauses" in the conflict.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra added that India had proposed the "two-state solution and early resumption of dialogue" as a way forward in dealing with the crisis.

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India, U.S. in agreement on strategic issues: Rajnath

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

India and the United States increasingly find themselves in agreement on strategic issues, including countering China's aggression, promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific, and addressing regional security challenges, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday in the opening remarks of his bilateral meeting with U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin.

During the talks, there was a particular focus on enhancing defence industrial cooperation and getting both sides to co-develop and co-produce defence systems, the Defence Ministry said. Mr. Austin welcomed India's decision to become a full member of the Combined Maritime Forces, a multilateral construct headquartered in Bahrain, it added.

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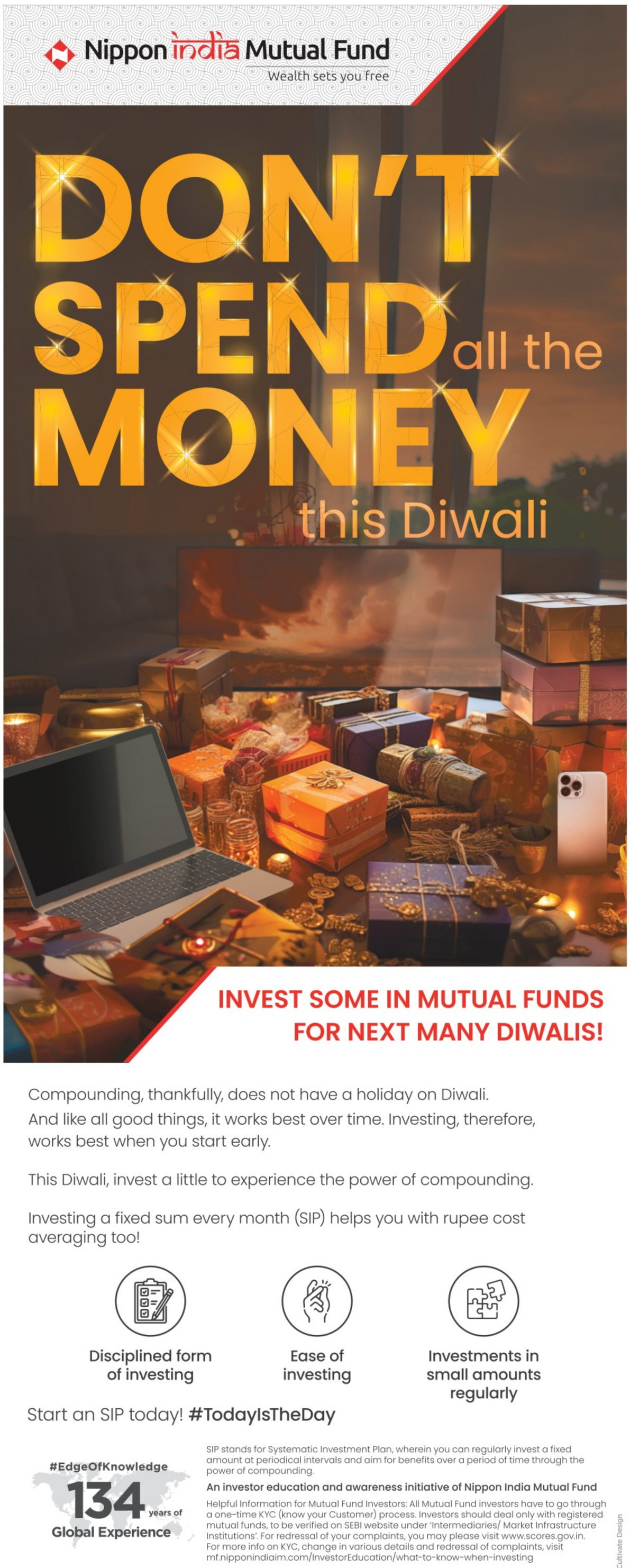
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Muhammed Anees poised to leap out of the shadows

After ending an injury-hit season with gold at the National Games, the long jumper has set his sights on battling it out with Jeswin Aldrin and M. Sreeshankar — No. 3 and 4 in the world this year — on the road to Paris 2024

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Stan Rayan

Muhammed Anees was a very active kid. And so Ansar, who had coached his older brother Muhammed Anas, felt the youngster should try out athletics too.

But since the facilities at Kollam's Nilamel village, where he lived, were not adequate, Anees left for the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centre in Thiruvananthapuram, where he was selected at once. He began as a high jumper and sampled the 400m hurdles after a suggestion from SAI coach Nishad Kumar before a multi-event junior competition changed his life forever.

Finding his calling

"I did the octathlon and did very well in the long jump. Seeing this, my coach Nishad advised me to focus on the long jump," said Anees. "I couldn't settle down in the high jump, I couldn't get a proper arch in the Fosbury flop and so I started taking the long jump seriously."

He was almost 19 when he took to the new event but was soon producing quality. He claimed silver at the Vijayawada Junior Nationals in 2014 (7.20m). After finishing runner-up at the 2016 Inter-State Nationals in Hyderabad (7.64m), he clinched gold at the year-ending National Open. "Somehow, 2016 made me a confident long jumper. Apart from the Inter-State silver, I also did 7.80 in an Indian Grand Prix meet [in Bengaluru] that year," he said.

> I think I can do 8.30-plus, that is the plan. I'm not just looking to qualify for the Olympics, I'm also hoping to do well in Paris. On a perfect day, I feel I can do 8.45m or more

The Anees file

Born: December 3, 1995

Event: Long jump

Major honours: Top-8 finish at Commonwealth Games (fifth); National champion

Personal best: 8.15m (No. 4 in India)

Progression	
2014: 7.20m	2022: 8.15m
2015: 7.39m	2023: 8.15m
2016: 7.65m	
2017: 7.60m	
2019: 7.50m	
2021: 8.00m	

With the Rio Olympics beckoning, 2016 was a magical year for many. Anas broke the 400m national record in Poland. Ankit Sharma bettered the national long jump record with a then eye-popping 8.19m in Kazakhstan. So, Anees was not short of inspiration during that period.

Surprisingly, the long jump has advanced by leaps and bounds since Rio 2016. Jeswin Aldrin (8.42m, national record) and M. Sreeshankar (8.41) occupied the top two rungs in this year's world list for months before slipping to No. 3 and 4. This year alone, three men – V.K. Elakkiyadasan (8.09), P. David (8.05) and S. Lokesh (8.02) – entered Indian long jump's 8m club.

Anees joined this club at the 2021 Federation Cup in Patiala and now has a personal best of 8.15m, which first came in March 2022 at the Indian Open Jumps Meet in Thiruvananthapuram. That placed him fourth in the all-time Indian list behind Aldrin (8.42, 2023), Sreeshankar (8.41, 2023) and Ankit (8.19, 2016). He now has four 8.15m jumps to his credit, including the one that fetched him gold at the season-ending National Games in Goa.

Injury woes

The 27-year-old, a havildar with Kerala Police, had been hit by injuries this season. He struggled to touch 8m for a large part of the year before returning to form in Goa.

"First, I had knee pain, I did not recover well and then I had hamstring and popliteus muscle issues," he said. "But there were meets one after another so I did not get much time for recovery. Thankfully, I was free of injuries at the National Games." While Sreeshankar and Jeswin stayed away from the National Games, weary after a long season, Anees was chasing a big target in Goa.

> Only if you have somebody in front of you can you think of getting past him... When it gets tough, you are under pressure and that is when you can pull out your big jumps

"I was confident of qualifying for the Olympics [entry standard 8.27m], that was my goal. Had I not been confident of making the cut, I would not have gone to Goa. Unfortunately, it did not happen. I was in 8.30-plus form but I couldn't get it," said Anees.

"I couldn't get the runway correctly and couldn't find the *josh* [stimulation] of the meet fully because many of the top guys were missing. When it gets tough, you are under pressure and that is when you can pull out your big jumps."

Anees, who was fifth in the 2022 Commonwealth Games (7.97m), is now being coached by Anoop Joseph, a national camp coach who guided Ancy Sojan to the women's long jump silver at the Asian Games.

"I think I can do 8.30-plus, that is the plan," said Anees. "I'm not just looking to qualify for the Olympics, I'm also hoping to do well in Paris. In the long run, on a perfect day, I feel I can do 8.45m or more. In fact, at last year's Federation Cup at Thenhipalam, I had a small foul in one of the jumps but it was close to 8.40m."

Athletics fans leapt in excitement that day as Aldrin (8.26m and a wind-assisted 8.37m, +4.1) and Sreeshankar (8.36m) produced world-class jumps, lighting up Thenhipalam.

Anees feels the presence of Sreeshankar and Aldrin has done a world of good for long jump in the country.

"Only if you have somebody in front of you can you think of getting past him. If you don't have anybody ahead of you, instead of competing in India, you will have to go abroad for competitions. But the main problem is, sometimes we peak early, especially when we have just two entries at events like the Asian Championships and Asian Games [three can qualify for the Olympics and Worlds]. And because of that, we are unable to produce our best jumps during a major competition.

"We cannot be at our peak in all competitions. If we peak early, and if we get a good gap, we can recover well, and then slowly get back to good form. If we have a competition [a qualifying meet] three months before a major meet that would be ideal."

What the future holds

Anees, who qualified for last year's Worlds in Oregon through the world rankings route, plans to train in India next year and go abroad for some competitions before the Paris Olympics.

"We need to go abroad because most of the Indian competitions are 'F' category events which offer fewer ranking points. We need to compete in 'B' or 'C' category meets, which offer more points and make it easier to qualify for the Olympics through the world rankings route," he said.

Coach Anoop Joseph feels Anees, who is supported by the GoSports Foundation, is a work in progress.

"His speed has to improve a little more, he missed a lot of training because of the injuries. And some corrections in technique also need to be done, especially in the landing phase. And sometimes his upper body goes a bit too much to the front while taking off," said Joseph.

With Anees poised to jump up a rung soon, next year could see three of India's all-time best long jumpers battling it out on the road to Paris. And as the country's No. 2 athletics event behind the javelin throw – in terms of medal potential at the major competitions – the long jump is set for an exciting future.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	11,445	18
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	8,455	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	7,200	22
4	Jannik Sinner	22	5,490	22
5	Andrey Rublev	26	5,205	25
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	4,435	24
7	Casper Ruud	24	3,625	25
8	Alexander Zverev	26	3,585	26
9	Taylor Fritz	26	3,500	27
10	Holger Rune	20	3,460	22
11	Hubert Hurkacz	26	3,245	23
12	Alex de Minaur	24	2,740	25
13	Tommy Paul	26	2,665	26
14	Grigor Dimitrov	32	2,570	23
15	Karen Khachanov	27	2,475	21

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 169 ▲ 1 spot

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 465 ▼ 11 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,295	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	9,050	16
3	Coco Gauff	19	6,580	19
4	Elena Rybakina	24	6,365	18
5	Jessica Pegula	29	5,975	20
6	Ons Jabeur	29	4,195	21
7	Marketa Vondrousova	24	4,075	17
8	Karolina Muchova	27	3,651	16
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,620	24
10	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,880	21
11	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,855	23
12	Madison Keys	28	2,816	18
13	Jelena Ostapenko	26	2,720	23
14	Petra Kvitova	33	2,660	17
15	Qinwen Zheng	21	2,660	23

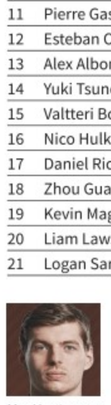
Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 201 ▼ 1 spot

Karman Thandi
Rank 308 ▼ 9 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	524	17
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	258	2
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	226	0
4	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	198	0
5	Lando Norris	McLaren	195	0
6	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	192	1
7	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	170	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	156	0
9	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	87	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	63	0
11	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	62	0
12	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	46	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	27	0
14	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	13	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	10	0
16	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
17	Daniel Ricciardo	AlphaTauri	6	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	3	0
20	Liam Lawson	AlphaTauri	2	0
21	Logan Sargeant	Williams	1	0



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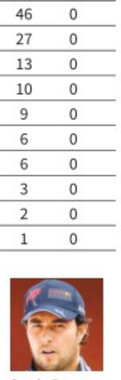


Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

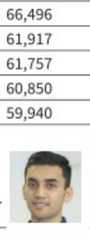
Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	782	19
2	Mercedes	382	0
3	Ferrari	362	1
4	McLaren	282	0
5	Aston Martin	261	0
6	Alpine	108	0
7	Williams	28	0
8	AlphaTauri	21	0
9	Alfa Romeo	16	0
10	Haas	12	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	101,355	15
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	86,031	18
3	Li Shi Feng	81,948	22
4	Jonatan Christie	81,871	17
5	Kodai Naraoka	80,915	22
6	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	79,778	17
7	Shi Yu Qi	76,874	20
8	Prannoy H.S.	76,037	19
9	Loh Kean Yew	71,062	22
10	Anders Antonsen	66,610	19
11	Lee Zii Jia	66,496	23
12	Kenta Nishimoto	61,917	25
13	Chou Tien Chen	61,757	25
14	Lu Guang Zu	60,850	20
15	Ng Tze Yong	59,940	24

Top Indians ▸

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 8



Lakshya Sen
Rank 17

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	113,314	17
2	Akane Yamaguchi	100,717	16
3	Chen Yu Fei	99,046	16
4	Tai Tzu Ying	90,136	17
5	Carolina Marin	80,870	16
6	He Bing Jiao	77,374	18
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	68,991	22
8	Han Yue	66,308	23
9	Beiwen Zhang	64,770	24
10	Ratchanok Intanon	63,093	16
11	P.V. Sindhu	62,640	22
12	Wang Zhi Yi	62,390	19
13	Pornpawee Chochuwong	57,449	24
14	Supanida Katethong	55,109	21
15	Aya Ohori	54,490	22

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 11

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 38

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	830	847
2	Babar Azam	824	898
3	Quinton de Kock	771	813
4	Virat Kohli	770	911
5	David Warner	743	880
6	Rohit Sharma	739	885
7	Rassie van der Dussen	730	796
8	Harry Tector	729	729
9	Heinrich Klaasen	725	756
10	Dawid Malan	704	711

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	709	736
2	Keshav Maharaj	694	694
3	Adam Zampa	662	670
4	Kuldeep Yadav	661	765
5	Shaheen Afridi	658	688
5	Josh Hazlewood	658	733
7	Rashid Khan	655	806
8	Jasprit Bumrah	654	841
9	Trent Boult	638	775
10	Mohammad Shami	635	654

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	863	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	787	875
3	Aiden Markram	756	796
4	Babar Azam	734	896
5	Rilee Rossouw	702	724
6	Dawid Malan	691	915
7	Jos Buttler	666	674
8	Aaron Finch	660	900
9	Reeza Hendricks	657	661
10	Glenn Phillips	649	703

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	692	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	679	797
2	Adil Rashid	679	746
4	Maheesh Theekshana	677	684
5	Josh Hazlewood	670	806
6	Sam Curran	659	688
7	Fazalhaq Farooqi	657	692
7	Adam Zampa	657	743
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	656	745
10	Akeal Hosein	655	681

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

e-Tender is invited for **"Construction of Residential Buildings for Frontline staff (Group Housing) in Sirsi Range"** at selected locations during 2023-24 as detailed in section-I. The details are here as under: (1) Name of the Project: Construction of Residential Buildings for Frontline staff (Group Housing) in Sirsi Range" (2) Web Portal Address: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (3) Designation and address of tender inviting and Accepting authority: Deputy Conservator of Forest, Sirsi Division, Sirsi. (4) Last Date and Time for Bid Tender Dated: **20-11-2023 at up to 4.00 pm** (5) Date and Time for Open Technical Bid Dated: **21-11-2023 at 4.30 pm** (6) Date and Time for Open Financial Bid Dated: **23-11-2023 at 4.30 pm** (7) Work Execution Period Dated: 31-03-2023. (8) EMD Amount Details: As Per Annexure-I. (9) Retender Dates: **27-11-2023** for the units for which tenders are not received in earlier tenders. up to 4.00 pm (10) Date and Time for Retender Technical Bid Open Dated: **28-11-2023 at 4.30 pm** (11) Date and Time for Retender Financial Bid Open Dated: **29-11-2023 at 4.30 pm.** The Detailed tender conditions may be obtained from the undersigned office during office hours.

Sd/-, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi

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1.	**Tender No.:** DTE/ 2023-24/ IND0003 Supply of Furniture's	09/11/2023	20/11/2023 11:00 a.m.	11.12.2023 5:00p.m.
2.	**Tender No.:** DTE/ 2023-24/ IND0004 Supply of Electrical Lab Equipments	10/11/2023	20/11/2023 11:00 a.m.	11.12.2023 5:00p.m.

The Department reserves the right to cancel or reject the tenders without any notification. Details in this regard may be obtained in the website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director, Department of Technical Education

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Nature of Possession	Under possession
Date & Time of Auction	28/11/2023,11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Reserve Price	Rs.38,18,000/- (Rupees Thirty EightLakhs Eighteen Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs.3,81,800/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred only) RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005
Bid Increment	Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)
Mode of Auction	E-AUCTON
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Date of Inspection : 17/11/2023 between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. please contact Mr. Jansi Rao, 9886090570, Mr. Chakradhari Shubham, 930437675, Authorised Officer Mr. Varadaraj, Mob: 9966078652, vardaraj.devaraj@indusind.com.	
Last Date of Submission of bids (E-auction) : 27/11/2023 up to 04:00 PM	
This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E –Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**	
Date: 07-11-2023, Place : Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indusind Bank Limited

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Tender Notification No. : 06/2023-24 Date : 10-11-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The CNNL hereby invites Tender for the works under 2701 head for Providing Outsourcing Staff through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal.

The Last Date for Tender Submission is : 27-11-2023, Opening of Technical Bid, is : 28-11-2023, Opening Financial Bid : 06-12-2023, for EMD details and more information can be downloaded from the Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal and for further information please visit Office at working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.N.N.L., M.P. Division, Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/278/Manipal/2023-24

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)

Chief Engineer (Ele)., Chitradurga Zone, BESCOM, Chitradurga invites Tender for the following through Karnataka Public Procurement portal in two cover system.

Enq. No.:CEE/CTAZ/SEEO/AEE-1/2023-24/289- Call-2 Date: 07.11.2023. **Particulars: Providing service of 88 Nos. of Sweepers on contract basis to various offices of Chitradurga Zonal jurisdiction for a period of 12 months (as per Annexure-A).** Approx Amount put to tender: **Rs.1,98,66,501/-.** Contract period: One year. **Time Schedule:** a) Bid document available on e-portal: **13-11-2023 at 11:00 hrs.** b) Pre bid meeting: **21-11-2023 @ 11:00 hrs. c)** Last date for submission of queries: **22-11-2023 upto 17:00 hrs. d)** Last date for submission of bid document: **28-11-2023 upto 17:00 hrs. e)** Date and time of opening technical bid: **01.12-2023 @ 11:00 hrs. f)** EMD shall be paid: **Rs.2,97,998/-**

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through Public Procurement portal from the **website kpppusers@karnataka.gov.in** on or **after 13-11-2023.** Aspiring bidders need to register on Karnataka Public Procurement portal. All the payments such as tender processing fee, EMD etc. shall be made through e-payment mode. Further any clarification contact helpdesk **080-68948777 and 080-46010000 or E-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@rteservices.com.**

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Office of the Senior Assistant Director (Education), Head Office BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: BBMP/2023-24/IND0010/CALL-2 Date: 10.11.2023

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Re-tender for the following from the eligible bidders:

Following are the events of bid process:

1. **Tender Name: (1)** Re-tender for the supply of books to library of BBMP Schools and Colleges (Tender Reference No.: BBMP/2023-24/IND0010/CALL-2). **(2)** Re-tender for the supply of Laboratory items, Charts, Specimens, Models and Chemicals to BBMP Schools and Colleges (Tender Reference No.: BBMP/2023-24/IND0011/CALL-2).
2. **Date of commencement of download of tender document from eProcurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in:** On 10.11.2023 onwards.
3. **Date, time & venue of pre-bid meeting:** 15.11.2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the following venue: Office of the Senior Assistant Director, Head Office, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru.
4. **Last date and time for uploading online queries in Karnataka public procurement portal:** 15.11.2023 upto 5:00 p.m.
5. **Last date and time for uploading of tender in Karnataka public procurement portal:** 24.11.2023 upto 5:00 p.m.
6. **Date and time of online opening of technical bids:** 27.11.2023, 11:00 a.m.
7. **Address for communication:** Office of the Senior Assistant Director, Head Office, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru. Phone: 080-22112585/080-22975824/080-22975728, Email: eoeducation@yahoo.in

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the new website of Governement of Karnataka, Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

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IN THE COURT OF THE 72TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 26086/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. Kamal Kant Mahato
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Kamal Kant Mahato
S/o Sri. Golok Bihari Mahato
Aged about 41 years, A206, Myhna Heights, Varthur, Sarjapur Road, SH 35, Gunjur Village,Bangalore- 560 087

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.14,99,117/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-73) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **11-12-2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **06.11.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT

Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. No. 25793/2023
Hg: 08/12/2023

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near ChakliCircle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390 007 And its branch office at Mythree Center, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 **...Plaintiff**
AND
Saravana Kumar C.
...Defendant

To,
Saravana Kumar C.
Aged about 36 years,
S/o: Chinnaswamy Arumuga Gounder, R/a #8, 3rd Cross NGR Layout, Roopena Agrahara Bommanahalli, Bengaluru- 560068

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 4,79,681/-** (as on 09/03/2023) along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the LXXIV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-75] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the **08/12/2023** at **11:00A.M.** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **06th** day of **November, 2023.**

Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit Bangalore

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How South Africa rose to the top of world rugby

Meticulous planning, left-field thinking, systemic change and brave decision-making have helped the side lift back-to-back World Cup trophies. With four titles overall — one more than the mighty Black Caps — it is the most successful country in the tournament's history

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Now that the dust has settled on South Africa's historic triumph at the Rugby World Cup, it's a little easier to view the record fourth title in clear light and assess its impact – on rugby as well as on the country. The 12-11 victory over New Zealand in last month's final was the result of years of planning, left-field thinking, systemic change and a well-developed culture of winning.

South African director of rugby Rassie Erasmus and coach Jacques Nienaber insisted they weren't "geniuses", but they clearly got a lot right. Winning back-to-back World Cup titles is incredibly difficult – the mighty All Blacks (2011, 2015) are the only other outfit to have done it.

Not geniuses

"I'm not saying we're geniuses!" said Nienaber, who took over from Erasmus as head coach after the latter had led South Africa to glory in Japan in 2019. "We don't try and be creative and think out of the box. It's not genius, it's just that the players we have have the ability to give us different tactical viewpoints. Players who understand their roles, don't have egos and buy into it. That gives us the opportunity to maybe go a little bit different than normal."

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>
> **JACQUES NIENABER**
> World Cup-winning coach

Erasmus and Nienaber appear polar opposites, the latter the straight man in a comedy double act, the former the charismatic scene stealer. But they have worked together – first as head coach and assistant coach, and then as director and head coach – to turn around a shambolic Springboks side. During the course of their partnership, Siya Kolisi, the man Erasmus picked as South Africa's first black Test captain, has lifted the World Cup trophy twice.

Erasmus, who reached the 1999 World Cup semifinal as a player, divides opinion – he has made ill-judged remarks, ranted against referees and courted controversy, but he has also had a significant impact on the development of the sport in South Africa. His revolutionary shake-up of the system opened the way for under-privileged children under 15 to play the game.

"I wanted to help people avoid embarrassment for what we've done – not just apartheid but how we tried to fix things which ended up embarrassing black and white people," he told the Guardian. The introduction of the Elite Player Development (EPD) in 2013 bore fruit, with a couple of the players forming part of the 2019 World Cup-winning team.

"My greatest moment was not holding the World Cup, it was watching those players create and score tries in the final and trust each other. The EPD was my biggest achievement," he said.

After the 2019 win, he put into perspective the pressure he and the players had been under.

"Pressure is one of your close relatives being murdered," he said. "South Africa has a lot of problems and we started talking about how rugby shouldn't be something that puts pressure on you. It should be something that creates hope."

Unifying South Africa

Rugby, once associated with white-minority rule in South Africa, has played a symbolic and significant role in unifying the nation. The victory of Kolisi's team in Paris galvanised people across all races – masking, for a while, deep economic and social woes.

"Never has a team, which was once at the centre of dividing a nation, risen time and again to unite and rally the nation behind one flag, a single identity, and the nation brand," Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, minister in the presidency, said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). "The Springboks represent something more than themselves; they unite us in our diversity."

> We are a diverse and beautiful team from all walks of life... this trophy is for those who come from tough, disadvantaged areas. This team represents everybody. It's real for us, we care for each other, we care for our country
>
> **SIYA KOLISI**
> South Africa captain

On the previous occasion South Africa took on New Zealand in the final, in 1995, the Springboks had just one black player, Chester Williams, in the side.

Twenty-eight years later, the sport in South Africa is truly multicultural. "We are a diverse and beautiful team from all walks of life... this trophy is for those who come from tough, disadvantaged areas," Kolisi said. "We come from those backgrounds, this team represents everybody. It's real for us, we care for each other, we care for our country."

In addition to transforming the game within South Africa, Erasmus and Nienaber have arguably redefined areas of rugby in their five years together. In 2019, South Africa relentlessly pursued the high contestable kick theory, now used widely by others. The lineout maul was a crucial try-scoring weapon for the Springboks four years ago, as it is now across rugby. But the innovation that has attracted the most attention – and debate – is the 'bomb squad'.

Erasmus and Nienaber have gambled on the high-risk, high-reward strategy of putting seven forwards and just one backline player on their bench – effectively an entire second pack or a 'bomb squad' of marauding big men to be unleashed on tiring rivals. The idea is to keep up intense pressure in the tackles, rucks and mauls while the opposition fatigues.

The idea, interpreted during the 2019 triumph as a 6-2 forwards-backs split, has since been copied by others. But only the Springboks have been brave and stubborn enough to attempt the 7-1 split, which can leave the side horribly exposed if defensive players suffer injuries.

An overtly forward-heavy bench has been criticised by some as reducing rugby to an uninventive physical barrage. When South Africa first used the 7-1 split against New Zealand in a warmup in August, former Scotland coach Matt Williams led the disapproval. But to risk it all in the final – where there is no room for failed experiments – was a gamble requiring nerves of steel. South Africa deserves credit for making such a high-stakes call.

Rebuild for 2027

With Nienaber set to leave for a role at Irish side Leinster, the Boks face a rebuild into the next World Cup in Australia in 2027. They are certain, however, to rely on the bedrock of their gameplan. Erasmus is set to return as head coach, ensuring continuity of the process in the campaign for an unprecedented hat-trick of titles.

South Africa should be also able to count on Kolisi, 32, who has ruled out retirement, saying he still had the hunger to represent the Boks. "Whether I will be captain, I don't know, that is up to the new coach, but what matters most is playing in the Springbok jersey," he said.

Nienaber also hinted he could be back in the future. "People think it is the end, but what I have learnt is that we can plan our lives all we want, but you never know [what will happen]," he said. "It is the end for now with this group, but is it my last time with the Boks? I can't say that."

GAME THEORY

Longest jumps in history — women's edition

Three women — Galina Chistyakova, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Heike Drechsler — dominate the list of the longest jumps in history. Among them, they occupy all 10 top spots and 20 of the top 25. Chistyakova is the only one of the three not to have won an Olympic gold medal.

Mark (m)	Athlete	Venue	Date
7.52	Galina Chistyakova	Leningrad	11 Jun 1988
7.49	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	New York	22 May 1994
7.49	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	Sestriere	31 Jul 1994
7.48	Heike Drechsler	Neubrandenburg	09 Jul 1988
7.48	Heike Drechsler	Lausanne	08 Jul 1992
7.45	Heike Drechsler	Tallinn	21 Jun 1986
7.45	Heike Drechsler	Dresden	03 Jul 1986
7.45	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	Indianapolis	13 Aug 1987
7.45	Galina Chistyakova	Leningrad	11 Jun 1988
7.45	Galina Chistyakova	Budapest	12 Aug 1988
7.44	Heike Drechsler	Berlin	22 Sep 1985
7.43	Anisoara Cusmir	Bucharest	04 Jun 1983
7.42	Tatyana Kotova	Annecy	23 Jun 2002
7.40	Heike Drechsler	Dresden	26 Jul 1984
7.40	Heike Drechsler	Potsdam	21 Aug 1987
7.40	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	Seoul	29 Sep 1988
7.39	Heike Drechsler	Zurich	21 Aug 1985
7.39	Yelena Belevskaya	Bryansk	18 Jul 1987
7.39	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	San Diego	25 Jun 1988
7.37	Heike Drechsler	Sestriere	31 Jul 1991
7.37	Inessa Kravets	Kiev	13 Jun 1992
7.36	Jackie Joyner-Kersee	Rome	04 Sep 1987
7.36	Yelena Belevskaya	Leningrad	11 Jun 1988
7.36	Heike Drechsler	Jena	28 May 1992
7.35	Galina Chistyakova	Bratislava	20 Jun 1990

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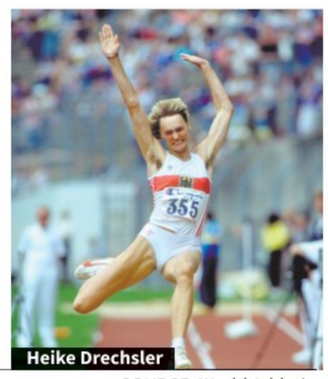
Heike Drechsler

SOURCE: World Athletics

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Chess on snow

Austria's Katharina Huber competes in the women's giant slalom event during the recent Alpine Ski World Cup at Rettenbachferner in Soelden, Austria. Giant slalom, which together with slalom forms a part of alpine ski racing's technical events, involves competitors navigating the quickest way through a winding course.

The course consists of gates (pairs of poles topped with flags) placed in varying combinations, designed to test the skill, timing and judgement of the skiers.

Finding the best line of approach and exit to deal with the different combinations of gates is the difference-maker in the discipline.

Giant slalom gates are wider and set farther apart than slalom gates. The courses are also longer than the ones used in slalom. In major international tournaments, competitors take two runs on two different courses; the one with the lowest combined time is the winner.

The giant slalom — reportedly first run on the Mottarone, over Lake Maggiore, in Italy in 1935 — debuted at the World Championships in 1950 (Aspen) and the Winter Olympics in 1952 (Oslo).

Girl from city studying in U.S. university dies in car accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sree Radha Kode, an 18-year-old girl from Bengaluru who had moved to the U.S. for higher education, was killed in a road accident earlier this week near Martinsville. According to local news reports, an investigation is still underway to ascertain the cause of the accident.

Radha is survived by her parents and a younger brother who is studying in the ninth grade.

A family member of Radha confirmed the accident and said she was in the car with some of her friends.

They also said she had moved to the U.S. three months ago after she got admission to Indiana University - Kelley School of Business.

Aspiring entrepreneur

Inspired by her surgeon-turned-businessman father, Sashi Kiran, Radha had said on social media that she was interested in the inner workings of the business world and was focused on succeeding as an entrepreneur.

Before moving to the U.S., she completed her IB Diploma Programme (12th grade under IGCSE) at The Greenwood High International School in Bengaluru, where she was also recognised on the Academic Honour Roll.

She participated in many community projects with Whitefield Rising, Sahaas, and Tribes for Good.

She had also launched her own clothing company - Vault Store.

She had a website where she regularly wrote about her insights on business, entrepreneurship and other business-related topics. She was also a part of the varsity basketball team.

According to sources, three other people who were in the car with Radha are currently in the ICU being treated for injuries while another person will be discharged from the hospital shortly.

Free entry for children to Dasara expo

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority, Mysuru said that the entry for children below 14 years of age will be free to Dasara exhibition on the occasion of Children's Day, on Tuesday.

The free entry to children is between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The CEO of the authority said schools and parents can bring children for exploring the exhibition and make use of the opportunity extended on the occasion of children's day. The exhibition has many exhibits and department stalls, it was inaugurated on October 15.

Valedictory event of Vigilance Awareness Week organised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Canara Bank on Friday organised the valedictory function of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 in Bengaluru. Shrinath M. Joshi, Superintendent of Police, Karnataka Lokayukta, delivered a special address on the theme "Say no to corruption, commit to the nation". The event was presided over by Nabin Kumar Dash, Chief Vigilance officer, and P. Gopi Krishna, General Manager. As many as 115 bank officials participated.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Notification No. 01-SBC/11/23

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders for participating in E-Auction for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in the following stations on Bengaluru division.

1. Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru 2. Bangarpet Junction

Date and time of start of e-auction: **17.11.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Bengaluru

PUB/485/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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Tender Notice No. BE-29-2023-24-OT-21

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Repairs to centralized AC plant at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru.	Rs. 28,26,048/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 27.11.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **SRI. MANCHURI RAJA SEKHAR REDDY,** R/at: 2-9/3, Kapupalli Village Kurmoi Post, Palamaner Mandal, Chittoor Dist, Andhra Pradesh – 517408 is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. Thuruthikkara Chacko Johnson @ T.C. Johnson & Mrs. Susamma Mathew. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No.40, in Katha No.105/1/160/6, Property No. 47/2, Measuring East to West (60+57.5)/2 Feet and North to South 20 Feet, In all totally Measuring 1175 Sq feet and Site No.41, in Katha No.105/1/160/8, Property No.47/2, Measuring East to West (57.5+55)/2/2 Feet and North to South : 20 Feet, In all totally Measuring 1125 Sq feet, Situated at : **Babusabpalya Village, Chelekere Dhakle, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, in all totally Measuring **2300 Sq feet** with residential building standing thereon and bounded on the:- **East by : Road; West by : Private Property; North by : Remaining Portion of Same Site No.41; South by : Remaining Portion of Same Site No.40;**

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READERS'S CONNECT INITIATIVE

Bolas Unveils Exquisite Heritage Gifting Collection this Festive Season

Leading dry fruits and sweets brand has launched their new gifting collection upholding tradition

With the festivities around the corner, Bolas, a prominent Indian manufacturer specializing in the Dry Fruits, Nuts and Sweets category, has launched a unique gifting collection. Bolas Heritage series beautifully depicts the stories from epics of Ramayana, Mahabharata and folktales of Karnataka through aesthetically designed gift-boxes. Offering an array of options, from assorted sweets to nutritious nuts and dried fruits, Bolas presents multiple meaningful gifting options starting from just Rs. 180. The brand aims to acquaint consumers with remarkable Indian tales with its beautiful Heritage Gifting series.

In their creative approach, Bolas ingeniously integrates the art of storytelling into its packaging bringing India's heritage and traditions to the forefront. Furthermore, these meticulously crafted packages also offer the additional appeal of becoming cherished keepsakes, meant to be safeguarded and cherished for the years that lie ahead.

Speaking on this launch, Mr. Rajat Kamath Bola, Director, Bolas Agro Pvt Ltd, says " Bolas Heritage series of gifting is our tribute to stories from Ramayana, Mahabharata and Karnataka's folklore. We have tried to weave six decades of experience in the dry fruits industry to provide a truly Deepavali Gifting experience. They include nuts packed in reusable glass jars or resealable packages. The sweets are prepared in-house and they remain fresh for over 3 months, so that customers don't have to worry about their freshness when the sweets reach their loved ones." For the period of festivities, Bolas brings a delightful blend of nourishing and delectable treats, striking a perfect balance between healthful indulgence and scrumptious sweets that leave a lasting impression. Adorned with colorful packaging, these gift packs consist of an assortment of nuts, dried fruits, and delicious sweets, like Kaju Katli, Mysore Pak etc. all beautifully packaged in decorative festive packaging.

Starting from Rs. 180 onwards, the Heritage Series gift boxes are now available in all Bolas outlets and online at www.Bolas.co.in.

About Bolas:

Bolas started the commodity business in 1958 with the incorporation of the first cashew nut processing unit. In the year 2012, building on the strength in cashew nuts business the company expanded its portfolio of dry fruits with inclusion of almonds, other tree nuts and dried fruits. In the year 2020, the organization ventured into a chain of retail outlets with "Bolas" to cater to India's growing nutritional needs. Over the years, Bolas has marked its presence with 70+ stores in Karnataka, including 20 stores in Bengaluru. Bolas is also present in Mangaluru, Mysore, Hubli, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi, Kundapur, Belagavi, Karwar, Tumkur, Shivamogga, Kalaburgi, Hospete, Davanagere, Mandya, Hassan, Raichur, Bagalkote, Channapatna, Ranebennur, Chitradurga, and Kanakapura. Through its robust retail and ecommerce presence, the brand offers 100+ products to the consumers.

For more details visit https://bolas.co.in/product/category/best-sellers

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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India
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RECRUITMENT NOTICE FOR GROUP B & C POSTS IN THE INSTITUTES UNDER Dte. GHS

No. A.12034/02/2023-PH(IH) **Dated 10/11/2023**

The various Institutes under the Directorate General of Health Services namely All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health (AIIHPH) Kolkata, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Delhi, National Centre For Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) Delhi, BCG Vaccine Laboratory (BCGVL) Chennai, Institute of Serology- Kolkata, Airport Health Organizations/Port Health Organizations/Land border Quarantine Centres [APHOs/PHOs/LBQCs], National Medical Library (NML) New Delhi, All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AIIPMR) Mumbai, Central Leprosy Teaching & Research Institute (CLTRI) Chengalpattu, Regional Leprosy Training and Research Institute (RLTRI) Gouripur Bankura West Bengal, Central Research Institute (CRI) Kasauli, Central Institute of Psychiatry(CIP) Ranchi, National Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD) New Delhi, General Medical Store Depot (GMSD) and Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) Kolkata invites online applications from eligible candidates for the following posts.

Sl. No.	Posts	Institute - No. of vacancy	No. of vacancy										Level in the Pay Matrix
			UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	VH	HH	OH	PWBD Other	Ex-Service	
1	Research Assistant	NCDC - 3				3			1				6
2	Technician	NCDC - 2	2										6
3	Laboratory Attendant	NCDC – 5	2		1	1	1				1		1
4	Research Assistant	NCVBDC – 1	1										6
5	Laboratory Assistant Grade II	NCVBDC – 3	1	1	1								4
6	Insect Collector	NCVBDC – 1		1									2
7	Technician	BCGVL, Guindy, Chennai -1	1										4
8	Laboratory Attendant	BCGVL, Guindy, Chennai-1				1							1
9	Laboratory Technician	Institute of Serology Kolkata – 5	1	1	1	2							3
10	Health Inspector	APHOs/PHOs/LBQCs – 70	30	18	10	5	7				1(OA) 1(OL) 1(LV)		6
11	Field Worker	APHOs/PHOs/LBQCs –140	90	9	5	28	8		3		1 (LD)		1
12	Library & Information Assistant	NML – 1	1										6
13	Library Clerk	NML – 5	4				1			1		1	2
14	Physiotherapist	AIIPMR, Mumbai – 4	2-UR & 01-UR (PH)				1						6
15	Medical social Welfare officer	AIIPMR, Mumbai – 1	1										6
16	X-Ray Technician	AIIPMR, Mumbai – 1	1										6
17	Medical Laboratory Technologist	AIIPMR, Mumbai – 1	1										6
18	Instructor (VTW) Fitter trade	AIIPMR, Mumbai – 1				1							2
19	Junior Medical Laboratory Technologist	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 2	2										5
20	Pressing Man	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										2
21	Technical Assistant (Surgical)	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										6
22	Animal Attendant	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 3	1			1	1						1
23	Laboratory Attendant	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 3	1			1	1						1
24	Library Clerk	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										2
25	Library Attendant	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										1
26	Nursing Officer (Staff Nurse)	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 7	3			4							7
27	Cook	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										1
28	Assistant Physiotherapist	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										4
29	Para Medical Worker	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 5	2			2	1						3
30	Kitchen Assistant	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										1
31	Medical Lab Technologist (Technical Assistant)	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										6
32	Medical LaboratoryTechnologist	CLTRI Chengalpattu – 1	1										6
33	Assistant Physiotherapist	RLTRI, Gouripur – 1	1										4
34	Fitter Electrician	RLTRI, Gouripur – 1	1										2
35	Cook-cum-Kitchen Assistant	RLTRI, Gouripur – 3	2		1								1
36	Para Medical Worker	RLTRI, Gouripur – 1	1										3
37	Tailor	RLTRI, Gouripur – 1	1										1
38	Laboratory Attendant	CRI, Kasauli – 69	18	13	6	21	11					1	1
39	Technician	CRI, Kasauli – 3	2			1							4
40	Boiler Attendant	CRI, Kasauli – 1	1										2
41	Workshop Attendant	CRI, Kasauli – 4	3			1							1
42	Demonstrator (Bio-Chemistry & Nutrition)	AIIH&PH, Kolkata – 2	1			1							7
43	Sister Tutor	AIIH&PH, Kolkata – 1	1										10
44	Laboratory Attendant	AIIH&PH, Kolkata – 16	8	1	2	3	2						1
45	Animal Attendant	AIIH&PH, Kolkata – 1	1										1
46	Museum Assistant	AIIH&PH, Kolkata – 1	1										2
47	Nursing Officer	CIP, Ranchi –16	8	2	1	4	1			1			7
48	Junior Psychiatric Social Welfare Officer	CIP, Ranchi –1	1										6
49	Tailor	CIP, Ranchi –1	1										2
50	Cane Worker	CIP, Ranchi –1	1										2
51	Radiographer	CIP, Ranchi –1	1										5
52	Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	CIP, Ranchi – 2	1			1							2
53	Dietician	NITRD – 1	1										6
54	Pharmacist	NITRD – 2	1		1								5
55	Laboratory Assistant	NITRD – 5	2	2		1							3
56	HMTS General Others (Ward Boy)	NITRD – 21	9	7	2	1	2						1
57	HMTS Dietary (Kitchen Staff)	NITRD – 10	5	3		1	1						1
58	HMTS Sanitation (Safai Karmchari)	NITRD – 29	13	10	2	2	2						1
59	Pharmacist cum Clerk	GMSD – 3	2			1							4
60	Radiotherapy Technician	CNCI – 5	1	1		2	1						5
61	Supervisor Maintenance	CNCI – 3		1		2							5
62	Ward Master	CNCI – 3	2			1							4
63	Accountant	CNCI – 2	1			1							6
64	Assistant Accounts Officer	CNCI – 1	1										7

Note: (I) Certain posts under APHOs/PHOs/LBQCs, NCDC, NCVBDC, GMSD are with the liability to serve anywhere in India
(ii) The number of posts may vary at the time of final results.

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Sd/- Director
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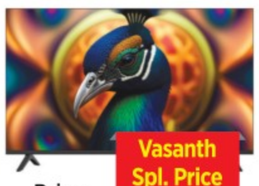
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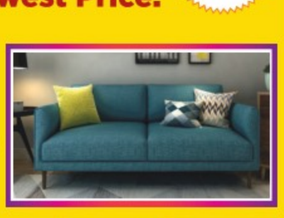
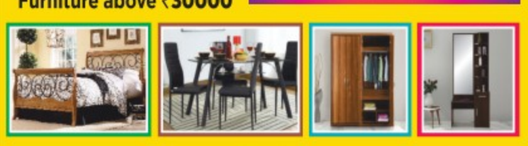
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HC upholds govt. decision to cancel exam to fill 545 PSI posts over illegalities

Court directs government to engage an independent agency to conduct re-examination without collecting fresh fee from candidates

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday upheld the State government's April 29, 2022 decision to hold re-examination to fill 545 posts of police sub-inspector (PSIs) following large-scale malpractices, allegedly involving some candidates, a top-ranked police official and a few police personnel, during the exams held in October, 2021.

To ensure fair re-exam, the court said, the State government should entrust the process to an independent agency without charging any fresh fee from the candidates.

Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar and Justice T.G. Shivashankare Gowda passed the order while dismissing a batch of petitions filed by Chandan N.V. and several other candidates who were successful in the written examination held on October 3, 2021 and some of whom had found a place in the provisional selection list. The petitioner-candidates had sought a direction to the government to segregate tainted persons and take steps to appoint untainted successful candidates as per the provisional selection list published based on the results of the examination held in October 2021.

However, the Bench said that segregation of tainted and untainted candidates was not possible because the petitioners' results were also not free from suspicion.

Conveying the answers to the beneficiaries through Bluetooth device in the examination hall was impossible if the candidates or the external party did not have the access to the question paper and the "version" of the question paper prior to the examination, the Bench said.

Also, the Bench said that the alleged involvement of an officer of the rank of Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP), who was the head of the recruitment wing of the Police Department, through whom OMR answer sheets were accessed and tampered with within the recruitment wing's strongroom, eroded public trust and confidence.

"In our opinion, the probability of leakage of questions is almost certain because without knowing the questions earlier, the external party could not have conveyed answers within 90 minutes, particularly when transmission was only one way," the Bench observed, while pointing out that the leaked questions would have reached different corners of the State in no time and not only a few selected centres where malpractices were detected.

The Bench also said that it would not have been possible for the external party to find out the correct answers for 100 questions and convey through the Bluetooth within 90 minutes without having prior access to the questions.

Observing that "the purity in conducting the examination is essential to build a robust, efficient and honest public service and particularly, the disciplined uniformed force like the police," the Bench said that "the option exercised by the government to cancel the examination and to order re-examination is based on a sound reasoning and to maintain purity of examination." The Bench also noted that the government had conducted the examination in Chemistry subject of II pre-university course thrice owing to question paper leakages.

PSI recruitment: A timeline

- Notification to fill 545 PSI (civil) posts was issued on January 21, 2021
- After physical tests, 54,103 candidates were allowed to appear for written exams
- Written exams were held at 92 centres across the State on October 3, 2021
- Provisional selection list was published on January 19, 2022
- Some candidates complained about malpractices and exchange of money; first information reports were registered
- The government, based on CID report, ordered re-exam on April 29, 2022
- CID arrested several candidates, police personnel and ADGP Amrit Paul
- Provisionally selected candidates approach Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal, which in July 2022 refused to interfere with the government's decision to hold re-exam
- Candidates move High Court which, on September 28, 2022, directed the government not to hold re-exam till the petitions are adjudicated

Man held for making MDMA crystals at home

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major drug haul, sleuths from the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested a foreigner and seized MDMA crystals worth ₹10 crore, and some chemicals that he was using to synthesise MDMA crystals in a pressure cooker at home in Bengaluru.

"We were alerted about a man synthesising MDMA at home using a pressure cooker. CCB raided the spot and arrested the suspect. Based on the information he gave during questioning, police seized a huge haul of synthetic drugs from his house in Avalahalli," said Police Commissioner B. Dayananda.

The arrested has been identified as Benjamin, 40, a Nigerian national. The accused has come to India on a business visa and had taken a house on rent in Avalahalli claiming to be selling readymade clothes.

However, his visa expired in 2022 and has been found to be overstaying. Police sources said that they had information that

The police seized a 5-litre pressure cooker used to synthesise MDMA crystals among other items. FILE PHOTO

was earlier arrested by Hyderabad police in connection with a narcotics case, but a senior official said that his past criminal record was still being verified.

When he was apprehended first, the police found 100 grams of MDMA on him and his interrogation led them to his house where he was synthesising MDMA crystals himself, sources said. Police have seized 5 kg of MDMA crystals and 12.45 kg of Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), 5 kg of Sodium Hydroxide crystals, 5-litres of Hydrochloric Acid, 2.5 litres of Acetone – all raw materials used to synthesise MDMA crystals.

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> **B. DAYANANDA**
> Police Commissioner

They also seized a 5-litre pressure cooker used to synthesise MDMA crystals, a stove, a mobile phone, and two digital weighing scales.

The accused has reportedly confessed to have been sourcing the raw materials for synthesising the drug from a source in New Delhi, who he claims also taught him how to synthesise the drug in a pressure cooker at home.

The accused was in turn peddling the drug to many sub-peddlers both Indian and foreign nationals in the city. Police have booked him under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1946.

KEA exam scam kingpin arrested

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

After a 12-day chase, the Kalaburagi City Police on Friday finally succeeded in arresting R.D. Patil, kingpin and prime accused in the KEA Bluetooth scam, on the charge of helping candidates write exam using Bluetooth devices. As per sources, the police received information about Patil's hideout in Solapur district of Maharashtra. Then, they obtained clues about his movement towards Kalaburagi to surrender before court. The police intensified combing operations on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border and arrested him at 3 p.m. on the State border. He will be brought to Kalaburagi late in the evening.

Patil will be presented before a magistrate. For the last 12 days, the accused was hiding in various places in Karnataka and Maharashtra to evade arrest in connection with KEA Bluetooth scam.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

1. **E-Tender Notice No.:** DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-75-23-24 Dated: 03.11.2023
Name of Work: Construction of Health Unit at Brajrajnagar under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Brajrajnagar of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value: ₹ 1,25,50,996/-
Earnest Money: ₹ 2,12,800/-
Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months.

2. **E-Tender Notice No.:** DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-76-23-24 Dated: 03.11.2023
Name of Work: Renewal of existing Channel Sleepers with TBSR (H-Beam) Sleepers in Bridges under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer, Raigarh of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value: ₹ 3,48,46,093/-
Earnest Money: ₹ 3,24,200/-
Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months.

For both the above Tenders:
Start Date of Submission of Tender: From **20.11.2023**.
Last Date of Submission of Tender: Up to **11:00** Hrs. on **04.12.2023**.
The complete information of the above e-Tender Notices is available over website **www.ireps.gov.in.**
Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against the above tenders.

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THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ
A Newspaper exclusively curated for School Students

STUDENT WINS GOLD

Anjana Anand, a class 7 student of Carmel High School, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru, won a gold medal in State level Skating Competition conducted by Karnataka ICSE Schools Association second time in a row. She will be competing at the national level once again in Ahmedabad from November 7 to 11. She was the winner and national level champion last year too. The school is proud of her achievement and wishes her the best for her endeavours.

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Chaos at Hasanamba temple; 20 injured

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Around 20 women devotees standing in a queue for darshan at Hasanamba temple in Hassan were injured on Friday when there was chaos after some of them reportedly suffered an electric shock.

A couple of women in the general queue raised an alarm after they suffered an electric shock. This led to chaos, prompting people to run for safety.

They were all in the queue, surrounded by iron barricades. As they started to hastily move out, a few fell down, suffering injuries. Mohammed Sujeetha, Hassan Superintendent of Police, told presspersons that it was not clear if people suffered an electric shock. "Officials from CESC are analysing the ground situation. A few women suffered minor injuries. They are all safe, nothing to worry," she said.

A few minutes after the incident, the situation became normal. The devotees were allowed to have darshan of Hasanamba.

J.B. Maruthi, administrator of the temple, said "The officers concerned will look into it and verify if there was such an incident. Doctors treating the patients said that none of them suffered injuries."

Power shutdown today

There will be no power supply on Friday in the areas serviced from 66/11 K.V. Global Tech Park Sub station between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for carrying out third quarterly maintenance work.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: (1) **Smt.Renuka** (2) **Sri.Anush.L** (3) **Sri.L.Amith** (wife and children of Late Sri.M.Lokesh) and (4) **Sri.M.Shivanna** S/o.Late Munivenkatappa all are residing at Melekote Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

ITEM NO.I
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 03 Acres 31 Guntas in Sy.No.13/1, situated at Marahalli Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:
East by : Road;
West by : Bhumenahalli Village Border;
North by : Properties bearing Sy.Nos.14 and 15; and
South by : Properties bearing Sy.Nos.13/2 and 13/4.

ITEM NO.II
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 00 Acre 28 Guntas in Sy.No.13/4, situated at Marahalli Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:
East by : Properties bearing Sy.Nos.13/1,13/2 and 13/3;
West by : Bhumenahalli Village Border;
North by : Property bearing Sy.No.13/1; and
South by : Property bearing Sy.No.12.

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, NOV. 11
RISE 06:16 SET 17:51
RISE 04:21 SET 16:24

SUNDAY, NOV. 12
RISE 06:17 SET 17:51
RISE 05:10 SET 17:03

MONDAY, NOV. 13
RISE 06:17 SET 17:51
RISE 06:02 SET 17:47

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.

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App helps police arrest man on the run for 9 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the help of the Mobile Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (m-CCTNS) fingerprinting, Rajagopalnagar police arrested an accused who was absconding for nine years. The arrested accused has been identified as Lakshmana, 40, from Hassan.

Recently, Lakshmana was roaming around suspiciously near Peenya . Hoysala patrolling staff who noticed him interrogated Lakshmana. When his fingerprint was checked through m-CCTNS, they got a hint that he was involved in a criminal case earlier. Thus, when Lakshmana was interrogated, it was revealed that he was involved in a robbery conspiracy case in 2014.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the South Western Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

S. No.	Section	Tentative Month of 25 kV Energisation
1	Anandpuram-Talguppa	November 2023
2	Harihar Polyfiber Siding (KMPS), Harihar	November 2023
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4	BMM Siding, Vyasa Colony	November 2023
5	SMPPL Siding, Vyasa Colony	November 2023
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Chief Project Director/Railway Electrification
Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that, our client intends to purchase the Flat bearing No. F-8(T2) in the third floor (4th Floor of Stilt) measuring Super Built Up Area of 2250 square feet, and 750 square feet of undivided right and interest of the multi-dwelling building named **S R RESIDENCY-1** Apartment, situated Kodigehalli Village, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore 560092, herein after referred to as schedule property from its owner Sri. RAGHUVEER SHARMA Aged about 68 Years, S/O Late Yammanuru Nagesa Sarma Residing at 226, 5th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560011.

My clients are intended to purchase the schedule property from the above party, therefore if any person/s or having interest any valid and legal claim or interest in the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing annexed documents for their claim/interest with the under signed within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If valid legal objection/s are not filed by any person/s or intuitions, our client will proceed to complete the sale proceeds to purchase the schedule property from the above said owner deeming that, apart from the owner no other person or institution have no any claim over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property Flat bearing No. F-8(T2) in the third floor (4th Floor of Stilt) measuring Super Built Up Area of 2250 square feet, 3BHK and 750 square feet of undivided right and interest of the multi-dwelling building, a cover carparking area in the named **S R RESIDENCY-1** apartment, BBMP Khata No: 606/17/4/608/17/6/7/T2-W, situated Kodigehalli Village, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092.

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TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, CHAMORSHI
DISTRACT - GADCHIROLI
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.-TSCC/CHAMORSHI/01/2023-2024 (online)

TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, CHAMORSHI DISTRACT - GADCHIROLI invites online percentage rate E-tenders in for the following work from reputed, experienced & Eligible Contractors of Maharashtra State. The Blank tender form will be available on www.mahatenders.gov.in The other details are as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time limit for Completion	Cost of e-tender Form Fee Rs.	Date of upload to last date of submission of tender	Date of Pre bid meeting	Last Date of submission of bid on line
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Tender form cost, EMD, conditions of contract, specifications can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of Government of Maharashtra i.e. **www.mahatenders.gov.in. All above tender will be opened in the Office of DSO/ TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, CHAMORSHI DISTRACT- GADCHIROLI on 29·11-2023 at 3.30 PM**. The TSCC, Chamorshi has right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Sale of crackers: Joint task force to ensure fire safety at playgrounds

The police have allowed 320 shops to sell green crackers in the city for five days at 62 playgrounds

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This Deepavali season, the city police have formed a joint task force (JTF) with representatives from other agencies to ensure fire safety at 62 playgrounds where crackers will be sold for the next five days. This follows the firecracker accident in Attibele in October that killed a total of 15.

The JTF will be led by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), with representatives from Fire and Emergency Services, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). It will be a roving squad and conduct surprise checks to ensure all permit conditions are followed by cracker sellers and there are no untoward fire accidents. "We will take stringent action and book cases against any sellers who violate licence conditions," city police commissioner B. Dayananda said.

A total of 912 applications were received for opening cracker shops this year. FILE PHOTO

The city police have allowed 320 shops to sell green crackers in the city for five days in 62 playgrounds. Last year, there were only 244 cracker shops in the city.

The shop licences were selected through an auction and lottery method. A total of 912 applications had come for shops this year.

The city police have imposed stringent fire safety guidelines on cracker shop owners. While only Indian-made, green crackers are allowed to be sold, each shop should have two entrances, have fire fighting devices, no large quantities of crackers stored, apart from a host of other guidelines.

Licence conditions

- Only Indian-made green crackers can be sold, and it should be mentioned on the box with a QR code
- All shops should be 10 x 10 sq.ft.; with front and back entrances and sufficient ventilation
- Large quantities of crackers should not be stored
- Shops should be made of non-flammable material and must be separated by 3 metres
- They should have a fire extinguisher, and two drums of water
- The licence should be displayed prominently and the licencee should be present in the shop
- Smoking and cooking are banned in the shops
- Crackers can be sold only during daytime
- Nobody is allowed to sleep in the shop in the night
- Crackers should not be sold to minors

Shops and licences

Number of playgrounds	62
Number of licences issued	263
Total number of shops	320
Number of applications	912

Members of joint task force

Assistant Commissioner of Police, representatives of Fire and Emergency Services, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bescom and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

Deepavali: Hospitals in city to function round the clock

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Last year's Deepavali shattered the life of 19-year-old Jayasurya, who suffered a full thickness corneal tear with iris prolapse in his right eye apart from superficial skin burns while he was bursting crackers. He was rushed to Minto Ophthalmic Hospital but doctors could not restore his vision in one eye.

Not aware of the implications, Jayasurya - a resident of Mysuru Road - had placed an "atom bomb" in a bottle and lit it. Fragments of the cracker fell into his eye resulting in a serious injury. Along with the festive cheer that accompanies Deepavali every year, incidents of firecracker-related injuries take the sparkle out of the festival of lights. About 40% of the victims are bystanders.

Injuries range from mild irritation and corneal abrasions to more severe complications like corneal damage and open globe injuries that can lead to potential blindness. Chemical injuries result from the chemicals in the gunpowder mixed in the fireworks. Smoke can cause eye irritation, and fumes can lead to throat infections. Sparklers are particularly dangerous, burning at temperatures hot enough to melt gold, causing severe burns and injuries.

Despite efforts to propagate a firecracker-free Deepavali for several years, the situation remains the same. Hospitals, who are advising precautions, have kept teams ready round the clock to attend to emergencies.

At the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology - Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, a team of doctors including specialists have been made available round the clock to facilitate treatment of those who report with cracker injuries.

A dedicated 35-bed firecracker injury ward (10 male and female beds each and 15 beds for children) with an examination and evaluation, emergency treatment and nurses station has been readied for emergencies.

"If surgery is required, facilities have been made available in the operation theatre in the same block. In case of eye injuries with facial or body burns, there is a dedicated multidisciplinary team of plastic surgeons from Victoria Hospital to manage the same," said hospital director Nagaraju G.

Doctors at Narayana Nethralaya said all facilities of the hospital will be open round the clock during the festival days (November 12 to November 14). At Sankara Eye Hospital, a dedicated team of doctors with paramedics and support staff has been kept ready.

One doctor with paramedics will be posted at night to take care of eye emergencies, with consultants on call. Advising precautions, doctors at Agarwal's Eye Hospital said people should celebrate the festival of lights with caution.

Dos and don'ts

- Keep a bucket of water, a hose and a first-aid kit handy
- Use a long taper to light crackers rather than bending down
- Burst crackers in open space
- Wear closed footwear; do not wear loose clothing
- Immerse used firecrackers in a bucket of water before disposing them of
- Do not attempt to reignite crackers that did not burst
- Do not light crackers by holding them in the hand
- Do not apply any cream, ointment, or oil on burnt areas
- In case of eye injury, do not wash or rub; cover the eye gently with a clean handkerchief and go to the nearest hospital
- Do not leave children unattended while bursting crackers

Emergency contact numbers

- Minto Ophthalmic Hospital: 9481740137; 080-26707176
- Narayana Nethralaya, Rajajinagar: 080-66121641 / 1643 or 9902546046.
- Narayana Nethralaya, NH Health City,, Bommasandra: 080-66660655 or 9902821128
- Sankara Eye Hospital: 080-69038900; 9739883996
- Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital: 8884477612
- Victoria Hospital: 7498809105; 9740322179; 8197969128; 9994584495

BMTC to conduct functional audit of Namma BMTC app

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has invited proposals from agencies to conduct a functional audit of its recently launched Namma BMTC application under the Nirbhaya scheme.

Apart from the app, the BMTC will also conduct functional audits of the in-bus surveillance system in city buses and Passenger Information System (PIS) display systems at bus stops or Stations.

The Namma BMTC app, which was launched in September, has received numerous complaints regarding the application's functionality from passengers. However, officials said that it is a usual audit to know more about its functionality. BMTC has received funds from the government of India under the Nirbhaya Scheme for implementing the BMTC Mobile app with women safety features, in-bus surveillance system in city buses, and Passenger Information System (PIS) at bus stops/stations.

The much awaited mobile application allows women commuters to seek remote assistance in case of an emergency, track movements of women passengers when support is sought by them, on-board cameras to monitor on-bus activities, panic buttons within buses for women passengers to seek remote assistance in situation of emergency and creating a centralised helpline for providing assistance during distress.

A senior BMTC official said, "The selected agency must look into whether the functional requirements outlined in the tender document and the software requirement specification (SRS) are met."

The Namma BMTC mobile app is available on Android platform and iOS platform developed by M/s MCT Cards and Technologies Pvt. Ltd. BMTC has implemented onboard devices and vehicle tracking systems in 5,000 buses, along with 5,000 panic buttons, 10,000 CCTV cameras, and a comprehensive surveillance network. Additionally, 500 Passenger Information System Boards have been installed at bus stands and stations across the city to display estimated arrival and departure times.

Since its launch, passengers have observed issues in the app. Guru Dutt, a BMTC passenger from Rajajinagar, said, "The app is highly unstable. It's surprising that routes can be tracked one way, but not for the return journey."

Another passenger Kiran Kumar, from HSR Layout, said, "The Namma BMTC app often fails to display the schedule of BMTC buses from Bengaluru International Airport. Moreover, it doesn't provide real-time updates on routes. When I checked, it indicated the next bus was in half an hour, but to my surprise, another bus arrived within a few minutes. What's the point of the app if it doesn't fulfill its intended purpose?"

Traffic snarls at T.C. Palya and Byatarayanapura due to weekend rush

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With a large number of people travelling out of the city and the deployment of additional buses to cater to the festival rush, traffic snarls were reported in many parts of the city on Friday, ahead of Deepavali.

Vivek Kumar, a resident of Malleshpalya, who was driving to T.C. Palya was stuck for over two hours in traffic.

"I left home at 5 p.m. and I reached my destination only at 8 p.m. I was carrying a cake for a birthday party, and it was half-melted by the time I reached. Even with prior planning, it is difficult to reach anywhere in the city on time as most people do not follow traffic rules and that leads to unnecessary snarls," Mr. Kumar complained.

Some minor traffic jams were also reported at Vasanthnagar, Ballari Road (up to Mehkri Circle), parts of Tumakuru Road, and Mysuru Road. FILE PHOTO

According to Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Bengaluru, M.N. Anucheth, there was traffic congestion at T.C. Palya and Byatarayanapura Satellite bus stop as additional buses were deployed by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) to help people reach their hometowns.

"Other than that, there were no major traffic complaints from anywhere except for a little increase in outgoing traffic.

Even in places like Electronics city and Hebbal, the traffic flow was better than previous days," Mr. Anucheth said.

Other traffic snarls

Some minor traffic snarls were also reported in Vasanthnagar, Ballari Road (up to Mehkri Circle), parts of Tumakuru Road, and Mysuru Road.

Azim Premji University student falls to death on Sarjapur campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 21-year-old student of Azim Premji University died on Friday after he fell from the 15th floor of a building inside the varsity's Sarjapur campus in Bengaluru Rural.

The room of the student, identified as Ashwin Nambiyar, was located on the 15th floor.

The Sarjapur police, who have registered an FIR, are investigating the case.

Bengaluru Rural SP, Mallikarjun Baldandi, talking to *The Hindu*, said Nambiyar, who hails from Hyderabad, died after falling from the 15th floor through a window. The police are now probing to determine whether this incident occurred accidentally or was a case of suicide.

The incident happened between 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., he informed. After the incident, the university cancelled all the classes for the day.

A statement from APU said, "We are shocked and deeply saddened by the unfortunate demise of a student on the university campus. Our hearts go out to his family and friends who knew and loved him. We are doing everything possible to support his immediate family at this of grief. We request that we respect the family's privacy during this time."

(Those who are in distress or have suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani ph: 104 for help)

Smashed

More than twenty vehicles were damaged by miscreants early on Friday at Laggere in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Atul Rao gets one year in jail

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A court in Udupi on Friday sentenced 37-year-old Atul Rao alias B. Atulrama to one year simple imprisonment on finding him guilty of using a forged driving licence and carrying out other fraudulent acts to cause damage and cheat former Udupi MLA K. Raghupati Bhat's wife the late Padmapriya and also Mr. Bhat. Padmapriya went absconding from Udupi and was later found dead in a flat in a residential apartment in Dwarka in Uttar Pradesh in 2008. He was also sentenced to six months and fined ₹5,000 each for offences punishable under Sections 465 (forgery), 471 (using as genuine a forged document), and 417 (cheating) of IPC. Sentences will run concurrently, the judge said.

Husband brings wife's body to police station claiming she ended life, arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Parappana Agrahara station police solved the mystery of the death of Alima alias Anuradha, 33, who died in a suspicious manner on October 29, and arrested her husband Rajasekhar, 28, on charges of murder on Thursday.

The accused Rajasekhar had come to the city from Anantapura of Andhra Pradesh and was working as a construction worker. Alima, who was married before, left her first husband and two children and came to Bengaluru from Tumakuru.

According to the police, they were both working as construction workers. Rajasekhar, who had befriended Alima only a year ago, became close to her and they got married.

They lived in Nanjareddy extension near Kudlu.

Recently, Rajasekhar was meeting another woman and due to this, there was a fight between them, and Rajashekhar allegedly assaulted her many times.

On the night of October 29, a fight started again between them and he allegedly tied a veil around her neck and killed her.

Then the accused hung his wife's dead body and claiming it to be a suicide, brought it to the police station in an ambulance. The police said the accused started crying saying that her breathing was slow.

The ambulance was sent to a private hospital for further treatment, where Alima was declared dead.

Suspicion grew

The wound mark on the neck made relatives of Alima and the others suspicious. .

A case of unnatural death was registered and a post-mortem was conducted. The police said the report came out recently and it was confirmed that it was a murder.

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Advertisement No.02/INI SS AIIMS Patna/Jan 2023 Date : 11.11.2023

ADMISSION NOTICE

(DM : Clinical and Interventional Physiology)

AIIMS Patna invites applications for appearing in the entrance examination to be held for the selection of candidates for admission to the newly started DM Course in **Clinical and Interventional Physiology.**

Duration : 03 years	Number of seats : 03 seats

The detailed advertisement and online application forms are available on our website: **https://www.aiimspatna.edu.in** under the section "Academics→ Admission Process→ Admission Information Portal". All applicants are required to visit the institute website regularly as all subsequent corrigendum/ addendum/updates will be uploaded on the **website only.**

Last date of application submission	**25.11.2023 at 05:00 P.M.**
Date of Online Examination	**06.12.2023**

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BMRCL told to prepare DPR on expanding metro line to Bidadi

DKS says Bidadi Planning Authority will be renamed as Greater Bengaluru Development Authority

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar has directed the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the expansion of the metro network up to Bidadi. The Minister also said that the Bidadi Planning Authority will be renamed as the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority.

He said about 1 lakh people work in Bidadi Industrial Area, and the local elected representatives had requested him to expand the metro line to benefit everyday commuters from Bengaluru.

D.K. Shivakumar

"Considering the demand, I have now asked the officials in BMRCL to ready a DPR to build a new metro line to connect Bengaluru with Bidadi," he said, adding that a survey will be conducted in Bidadi on whether the line is necessary or not, and later, a proposal will be sent to the State government.

The Minister, after inaugurating a training centre inside Toyota-Kirloskar, said the development activities and setting up of industries in the region would boost land prices.

He said about 10,000 acres acquired by the government are lying unutilised and he is now thinking of putting these land parcels into use.

In order to kickstart development, as a first step, BPA will be renamed as GBDA. He said the people in Bidadi should have facilities that are available in Bengaluru and should get jobs. Both metro and development programmes will be announced soon on an auspicious day.

Mr. Shivakumar also said he had asked companies such as Toyota Kirloskar to provide jobs to the kin of farmers who give land to set up industries and even the law dictates the same.

Mobile QR group tickets for a maximum of six passengers on Namma Metro from Nov. 16

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro travellers can start buying tickets for a maximum of six passengers in a family or group using the Mobile QR ticketing system from November 16.

Same demand

A release from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Friday said there was demand for the same from passengers. *The Hindu* had reported about the BMRCL's plan on November 6.

The BMRCL release said the family/group travelling together using the QR system can avail a discount of 5% on the token fare.

Process

"Passengers using this facility will receive one single QR ticket encrypted with the number of passengers.

"This QR ticket has to be scanned once for each passenger of the group for entry and exit," said the release, encouraging passengers to book in advance to avoid the rush at the station.

At present, a QR ticket permits only one passenger to pass through.

Introduced in November 2022, QR code ticketing enables passengers to buy one-way transit tickets via WhatsApp and the Namma Metro mobile app.

The other available options are tokens, day passes, smart cards, and group tickets. BMRCL provides a 5% discount on the fare for customers using smart cards and QR-based tickets over the token ticket fare.

According to a BMRCL newsletter issued in September, 56.04% of commuters used smart cards, 43.91% used tokens for travelling and 00.05% used group tickets to commute in the metro in August.

Last date extended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The last date for submitting applications for admission to Postgraduate courses at Bangalore University Departments at Jnana Bharathi campus, PG Centre at Ramanagara, and in its affiliated Colleges for the academic year 2023-24 through the UUCMS online portal: https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/login/index has been extended till November 15, 2023, with a penal fee of ₹200.

Counselling for admission to BPEd and I semester M.A. in social work will be held on November 16 and 17, Bangalore University in a release said. For details, visit https://bangaloreuniversity.karnataka.gov.in.

As airport footfall increases, calls for suburban rail grows louder

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Union government, when approving the suburban rail project, mandated that K-RIDE, the implementing agency, prioritise the KSR Bengaluru (Majestic)-Devanahalli line connecting Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). Despite this, K-RIDE has not yet issued the tender, causing dissatisfaction among railway activists advocating for a strong rail network linking the airport, which would benefit numerous air passengers and airport workers.

In June 2021, K-RIDE decided to deprioritise the project as the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) had already initiated the tender process for its airport line. Consequently, K-RIDE opted to focus on developing other unconnected routes instead, according to sources in K-RIDE.

In 2021, BMRCL commenced the construction of a 58-km Outer Ring Road-Airport link stretching from the Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The project, slated for completion by 2025-26, aims to benefit commuters from the southern and eastern parts of the city. Additionally, BMRCL is concurrently developing a new metro line connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara, which will be seamlessly integrated with the ORR-airport line at Nagawara. The airport line of the suburban rail project is called Sampige Line, which has a length of 41.4 km and will have 16 stations.

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Rajkumar Dugar, the convener of Citizens for Citizens (C4C), said, "The suburban rail connecting the city centre to the airport has not been prioritised. With Terminal-2 already operational at KIA and a significant increase in airport footfall, we are on the brink of a crisis due to the lack of a robust mass transit system linking the airport. While the metro project aims to serve the southern and eastern parts of the city, the suburban rail would cover essential areas like Majestic and Yeshwantpur, both of which are already integrated into the metro network. If you see, only 20% of the middle of the city area is covered in the metro to airport route."

"Despite instructions from the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister to expedite the project, both the railways and K-RIDE are moving at a sluggish pace in terms of progress. Though K-RIDE has committed to ensure loans for this corridor will be closed and tender will be called before the end of 2023. There is no indication of this happening soon. K-RIDE needs to hurry up and close loan and tender matters. Also, South Western Railway (SWR) must hasten approvals for alignments and give full cooperation to BSRP, their child. In fact, SWR will also be benefitted by this Project in several ways. All in all, everybody needs to buckle up and act on war-footing," he added.

In 2021, the South Western Railway (SWR) introduced MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains along the existing railway line from Yelahanka to Devanahalli, aiming to facilitate air travelers. However, the service struggled to gain traction. A halt station constructed near the KIA campus has not been utilised efficiently, mainly because of low passenger demand.

Ranked as the third busiest airport in the country, Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru managed 31.91 million passengers during the fiscal year 2022-2023. Despite its significant traffic, reaching the airport, situated 30-40 km away from the city, is a difficult journey due to traffic congestion.

Currently, travellers have two public transport options to reach the airport: the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) airport AC bus service (Vayu Vajra) and the railways' MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains.

Ex-Minister Tanveer Sait against resumption of Tipu Jayanti celebrations by govt.

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Former Minister Tanveer Sait on Friday, expressed his opposition to any move to resume Tipu Jayanti celebrations in Karnataka by the government.

Mr. Sait, a Congress MLA, offered floral tributes to the tomb of Tipu Sultan at Gumbaz in Srirangapatna near here on his 273rd birthday on Friday. For a very long time, Tipu's admirers had been celebrating his birthday as a private affair out of their respect for him, in their own manner.

But, ever since the State government started celebrating Tipu Jayanti in 2016, the situation began taking a turn for the worse, he regretted. Claiming that there were speculations in certain circles that Tipu Jayanti celebrations would be revived again by the present government, Mr. Sait said he strongly opposed the government resuming Tipu Jayanti celebrations.

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga
No.: EE/PRE/DS/JE/Tender/2022-23/852 Date: 31.10.2023

Tender Notice

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited for works of total amount Rs. 2,12,33,000.00 under 2702 Lake, 3054 CMGSY, Viveka School, Viveka PU School Scheme for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 of Thirthahalli Taluk in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga. Further information can be obtained from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 31.10.2023. Last date for submission of filled Tender has been fixed as 13.11.2023 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned officer during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/No.41/11/ksmca/23-24/740

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH
Advertisement No.: PGI/RC/2023/039//5393 Dated: 09.11.2023
FACULTY APPOINTMENTS
The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh invites applications on prescribed form from Indian Citizens for 10 posts of Assistant Professors through direct recruitment on regular basis in different specialities **for PGI Satelite Centre, Sangrur, Punjab** as per schedule below:-

Start date for generation of Challan form for fee deposit and online payment of fees	10.11.2023
Closing date for challan generation for fee deposit	28.11.2023
Last date of deposit of application fee in the Bank	04.12.2023
Last date for receipt of hard copy of application in the office of the Administrative Officer (Recruitment Cell), PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh 160012	08.12.2023 till 04:00 P.M

The interested candidates may Log on to the Institute website i.e. www.pgimer.edu.in (recruitment link at home page) for detailed information viz. application form, fee, age, pay-scale, eligibility, qualification and experience etc. The number of posts are subject to variation at the discretion of Competent Authority.
PGI/RC/Advt./2022/HR-000762 **DIRECTOR**

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL
No.2 Canal Division, Oddarahatti
State:Karnataka Ph No: 08533-271361
No.KNNL/EE.2/TS/AE.1/Ten Noti/2023-24/ 1117 Date:09.11.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Division Odderahatti the undersigned invites percentage basis work of Construction of Road Bridge tenders in One Cover from the eligible contractors/firm/Company registered under KPWD, bidder can access amount put to **Indent No-271 is Rs 47.99 lakhs and Indent No-283 is Rs.27.98 Lakhs and EMD Amount Rs.96,000 and Rs.56,000** with a stipulated period of 3 Months. **Calendar of events**, the last date for submission of tender **Dated:22-11-2023 up to 5.00 PM** and tender opening on **Dated: 23-11-2023 at 5.30 PM** respectively. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For any other clarification/details contact **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or under signed office during office hours Contact No-08533-271361.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer KNNL
No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti
DIPR/KPL/230/2023-24/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Government of Karnataka
Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere
No.EE/RDWS& SD/DVG/ AE-1/JJM/Tender -2023-24/780
Dated:-08.11.2023

Short term E-Procurement Tender Notification
(3rd & 4th Call)

Tender is invited through e-procurement for 12 works in 13 Villages of Honnali Taluk approved under 2215 –JJM scheme(2021-22)for Rs 1716.00Lakhsin Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDWS& S Division, Davanagere on behalf the Governor of Karnataka, for registered PWD Contractors and also registered in e-Portal cell.Item rate tender as per standard bid documents only through e-Procurement in order to enahance the transparency in the tendering process and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on Dated:22.11.2023at5.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Bikes, autos banned from plying to M.M. Hills

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chamarajanagar district administration has banned two-wheelers and autorickshaws from plying to M.M. Hills from Saturday to Tuesday in view of the Deepavali jatra to be celebrated during the period. The ban will come into force from 6 p.m. on Saturday and will be in force till 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The authorities said the jatra tends to attract lakhs of people not only from Chamarajanagar but from neighbouring districts and States which will result in traffic congestion.

'The Deepavali jatra attracts lakhs of people not only from Chamarajanagar but also from other districts and States'

Besides, the existing road with steep curves cuts through thick forests, and an increase in traffic density could cause accidents, says Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag. In a bid to regulate traffic and ensure the smooth movement of pilgrims, a temporary ban on plying of two-wheelers and autoricshaws at M.M. Hills will be in force, said the authorities.

Seven persons held for display of swords

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Puttur Town police arrested seven persons and also booked two minors for the alleged public display of swords in Mukrampady in Puttur Town on Friday.

The police identified the arrested persons as Dinesh Panjiga, 38, Bhavit, 19, Manvit, 19, Jayaprakash, 18, Charan, 23, Maneesh, 23 and Vineet, 19.

In the complaint, one Vijeet Kumar said the seven persons including the two minors came with swords to the office of Puttila Parivar and threatened to murder one Maneesh.

They allegedly abused Vijeet and his colleague Anil Mahabala Shetty and left the place.

The police registered a case under Sections 143, 144, 147, 148,352,504, 506 of Indian Penal Code and under Section 25 (1)(b) of the Arms Act.

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NO. ADCL/HR/OUTSOURCE/TENDER/2023-24 Date: 10.11.2023

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Invitation of Bids for providing Man Power Services (through e-procurement portal)

Dr.B.R.AMBEDKAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED, A wholly owned Company of Government of Karnataka, invites competitive Bids through e-procurement portal for providing Man Power Services.
In this context competitive Bids through e-procurement portal are invited from eligible bidders satisfying eligibility criteria mentioned in BID document.
The Interested Bidders may access BID document from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **09.11.2023 onwards till : 23.11.2023.**
For the terms and conditions, Bidders may refer the above BID (Request for Bid) documents. Please note henceforth all Tender Notifications, Bid Document and any further changes will be published only on e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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E-AUCTION SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. (the secured creditor). The Property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 05/12/2023** for recovery of **Rs.1,10,69,641.30/-** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty One and Paisa Thirty Only) **With further interest there onat the contractual rate and cost, expenses. as on 31.10.2023, Loan Ac. No.650014083274** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the **borrower M/s. Safa Retail, Co-Borrowers/Guarantors : 1) Mr. Akhil Ahmed, 2) Mrs. BatulaKouser**
Description of Immovable properties : All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.136, formed in converted Sy No.46, Old Katha No.410, Assessment No. 304, New V.P Katha No.229, as per BBMP records Katha No. 833, situated at Meenakshi Layout, KalenaAgrahara village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP Limits, measuring East to West: 20 Feet, North to South: 80 Feet, in all measuring 1600 Sq. Feet and **bounded on the:** East by : Private Property, West by : Vacant Place, North by : Road,South by : Private Property.

Rs.84,24,000/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Only) Rs.8,42,400/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Four Hundredonly) Bid Increment : Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

Mode of Auction	E-AUCTON
Inspection of Property	24/11/2023 between 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.

Contact Person and Phone No : Mr. Jansi Rao Mob. 9886090570, Mr. Chakradhari Shubham 9304376755 and Authorised Officer Mr.Varadaraj Mob: 9966078652 vardaraj.devaraj@indusind.com.
Last date for submission of Bid (E-auction) : **04/12/2023 up to 04:00 PM**
This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E –Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**
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OFFICE INTERIOR

Innovation in workspaces

Effective office design acknowledges the importance of collaboration and communication by creating spaces that facilitate teamwork and idea-sharing among employees

Apoorva Shroff

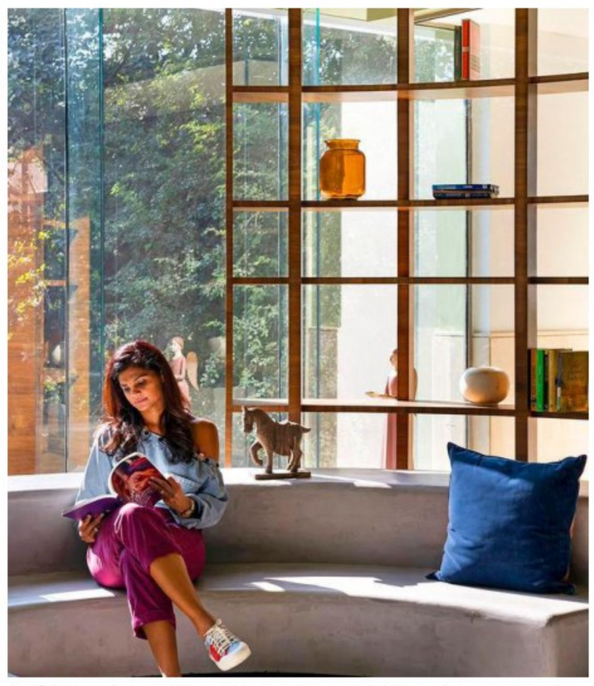
In the ever-evolving landscape of workspaces, where innovation is the currency of progress, intentional design holds a unique power – the power to drive growth towards creativity, foster collaboration, and propel organisations into the future.

Effective office design acknowledges the importance of collaboration and communication by creating spaces that facilitate teamwork and idea-sharing among employees. A well-designed layout with logical circulation enhances the user experience and actively promotes positive interactions among team members. Public spaces like external meeting rooms, conference facilities, and restrooms should have convenient access from the reception area, while private offices and workstations should be positioned towards the rear. Positioning pantries and communal relaxation spaces strategically establishes a structured hierarchy, encouraging an orderly work environment.

Versatile environment

While maintaining order is important, a choice-driven approach to a workplace holds equal significance. The design should acknowledge that various tasks demand diverse environments, allowing users to select spaces that align with their working style. This would lead to productive outcomes. Such varied spaces can exhibit distinct characteristics, ranging from conventional workstations to areas designed to encourage unconventional collaboration, sharing, and relaxation methods. What's more, these spaces are versatile enough to be reconfigured to accommodate specific tasks at any given time.

Certain areas can be designated for creative ideation, such as a bookcase corner and independent seating clusters, which can aid in informal solo work away from desks that provide distraction-free spaces for critical thinking. Additionally, small huddle areas with a mix of screens, standing tables, whiteboards and flexible seating options can support small-group brainstorming sessions. This allows for a flexible operational approach that has become crucial in designing successful commercial spaces.



(Left) Standing tables with storage; and (above) a cosy nook.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aligning with objectives

A design that consistently reinforces the company's objectives can inspire employees to work collaboratively. The colours, textures, and visual elements within the workspace can evoke a sense of belonging and alignment with the organisation's principles.

Another design detail that can stimulate a sense of belonging is the inclusion of soft seating, cosy nooks, and domestic-style furniture that make workspaces inviting. Additionally, the everyday furniture used in offices can have a communal outlook. For instance, the file cabinet of each desk can feature a cushioned top, which can be extended to function as an ottoman for comfortable joint discussions. To complement this degree of efficient seating, technology can be leveraged to meet our specific needs. By strategically positioning switchboards and implementing automation systems, these components can efficiently navigate routine tasks and simplify work processes.

A biophilic design ethos is believed to elevate the well-being of occupants, ensuring maximum workforce potential. To foster this connection with nature and inspire creativity, while reducing stress, it is advisable to incorporate features such as living walls, water elements, and natural wood finishes. In addition to indoor plants, prioritise natural light and ventilation to cultivate an environment favourable for optimal productivity. Thoughtful design can include strategically positioned windows, skylights, or glass walls, striking a harmonious balance between natural and artificial light sources that align with the functional requirements. Placing workstations near windows provides employees with access to ample daylight; daylight-responsive lighting controls help maintain an equilibrium between artificial and natural illumination throughout the day.

Designing workspaces is no longer a luxury; it is a strategic imperative for organisations striving to thrive in a competitive landscape. By implementing these design strategies, companies can unlock the full potential of their workforce.

The writer is an architect, founder and principal designer of Lyth Design.

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LoP will be elected on November 17: Vijayendra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a first announcement, hours after he was appointed the Karnataka BJP unit chief, B.Y. Vijayendra announced that the Leader of the Opposition will be elected at the BJP Legislature Party meeting on November 17.

"The meeting will be held coming Friday where Central observers will also take part and we will elect the Leader of the Opposition that day," Mr. Vijayendra said.

While former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Vijayapura MLA and former Union Minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal were seen as frontrunners for the post earlier, it is very unlikely that another Lingayat leader will be anointed, party sources said. BJP circles were abuzz with speculation that the party may choose either a Other Backward Classes (OBC) face or a Vokkaliga leader. However, a senior leader said that the alliance with JD(S) led by H.D. Kumaraswamy, a dominating presence in the Assembly, may scuttle the chances of Vokkaligas as well. "Either an OBC leader may be chosen, or a dark horse may emerge. The party may also want to opt for a Hindutva face in the Assembly to maintain the balance," he said.

The name of V. Sunil Kumar, from the Billava-Ediga community, and projected as the next OBC face of the party has now emerged as a frontrunner. However, the names of C.N. Ashwath Narayan and Basavaraj Bommai continue to do the rounds.

BJP high command's choice of Vijayendra as State chief is the victory of Yediyurappa

It shows that ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, winnability is the sole focus of BJP and it is willing to overlook the plank of opposition to 'dynastic politics'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who was effectively sidelined in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after he resigned from the post in 2022, has made a comeback, yet again, with the party high command choosing his son B.Y. Vijayendra to head the party in Karnataka.

B.Y. Vijayendra giving sweets to his father B.S. Yediyurappa at his residence in Bengaluru on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Factional fight

With this, Mr. Yediyurappa has scored a victory in the factional fight within the party, a senior party leader said. B.L. Santhosh, national general secretary (organisation), BJP, was seen as Mr. Yediyurappa's *bete noire,* attempting to bring the party out of the shadows of Mr. Yediyurappa and from heavy reliance on Veerashaiva-Lingayats.

The high command's choice shows that ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, winnability in elections seems to be the only focus of the party, a senior party leader said.

"Several leaders, including those in the high command, sidelined Mr. Yediyurappa offering several arguments, including that the party has to move beyond him due to his age and to make the party a more ideologically-driven unit. But they failed to deliver in the elections. This forced the high command to go back to Mr. Yediyurappa, a time-tested leader of the party in the State," said a close associate of the former Chief Minister.

When Mr. Yediyurappa was made to resign in 2011 and he exited the party, BJP was reduced to 40 seats in 2013 Assembly polls. He again brought the party to power, though by poaching Opposition MLAs through 'Operation Kamala' (engineered defections) in 2019. But he was again made to resign in 2022 and the party's tally came down to 66 in 2023 Assembly polls.

Support base

Veerashaiva-Lingayats, who have formed the core support base of the party in Karnataka for nearly two decades now, had reportedly splintered in the 2023 Assembly polls, as the Congress wooed them after Mr. Yediyurappa's teary-eyed resignation. The BJP's recent alliance with Janata Dal (Secular), seen as a Vokkaliga party, was also feared to alienate the community further. Mr. Yediyurappa, sources said, had placed these arguments before the high command to lobby for his son to be chosen as party chief.

Exception to rules

Mr. Yediyurappa, one of the few mass leaders from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-L.K. Advani era of the party to stay relevant in the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah era, has been an exception to many rules by the party.

Breaking the 75-year limit to hold public office in the party, Mr. Yediyurappa became the Chief Minister of Karnataka at the age of 76 in 2019 and remained so till he was well into his 79th year.

The high command seems to have again made an exception, abandoned the "dynastic politics" plank that it hurls against most Opposition parties in the country, and chosen his son as the party chief.

'Being BSY's son wasn't only criterion for my selection'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vijayendra made his electoral debut in the 2023 Assembly polls contesting from Shikaripur

Though the party high command choosing him as the party chief in Karnataka is largely attributed to the stature of his father, B.Y. Vijayendra asserted on Friday evening that while he was "proud to be B.S. Yediyurappa's son", that was not the only criterion for him being entrusted responsibility.

Mr. Vijayendra first made a splash in Karnataka's political scene when he wanted to contest against then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Varuna in 2018.

However, he was denied ticket at the last minute. Starting then, his attempts to make inroads in the party met with stiff resistance. Though he wanted to become the party's general secretary in the State, he was made one of the party's several vice-presidents in 2020.

He made his electoral debut in the 2023 Assembly polls contesting from his father's seat, Shikaripur, but winning with a slender margin of 11,008 votes.

He made a name for himself during Mr. Yediyurappa's last tenure as Chief Minister during 2019-2021, as an efficient election manager who could deliver results in tough assignments. He was made incharge of three bypolls - K.R. Pet in Mandya (2019), Sira in Tumakuru (2020), and Maski in Raichur (2021). He was credited for the party's victory in the first two, while the party lost in Maski.

Allegations of corruption

But, Mr. Vijayendra also faced controversies and allegations of corruption. Allegations of corruption against him, some made by his own partymen, was cited as one of the reasons for the high command seeking the resignation of his father. Two unsigned letters by party MLAs, alleging systematic large-scale corruption by him, were circulated in 2020.

"His electioneering skills showed a shrewd politician with good organisational skills, a penchant for people management, touring the State and mass appeal, like his father," said a senior party leader.

"There is a vacuum in the leadership for the powerful Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, which has been searching for a leader after Mr. Yediyurappa. Mr. Vijayendra has the pedigree and mentoring of Mr. Yediyurappa. If he works well, he has the potential to emerge as a mass leader, but must ensure that corruption charges do not haunt him again," the leader added.

Farmers told to report total crop loss by Nov.-end to get compensation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Friday appealed to the farmers to register the extent of total crop loss owing to drought on the FRUITS portal of the department by November-end to ensure payment of compensation.

Drought situation

Mr. Gowda reviewed the drought situation and the department's related work and said farmers would lose the compensation if they failed to report the full extent of the crop loss. Farmers have to upload the data of acres of crop loss and type of crop loss on the portal, he told reporters.

As thousands of farmers submitted applications seeking regularisation of cultivation of lands under Bagair-Hukum scheme, he said Bagair-Hukum committees would be formed in 100 taluks in the next 15 days.

From Centre

The government has declared 223 taluks as drought-hit in Karnataka and submitted a petition to the Centre seeking compensation of more than ₹17,000 crore. However, the Centre has not yet released funds to take up works, he said.

People have been visiting taluk offices seeking redressal of their grievances and waiting for many hours to meet officials, the Minister said, while directing the tahsildars to clear pending files that are 90 days old.

KMF to procure maize at ₹2,250 per quintal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh on Friday said that the government will procure maize directly from farmers through the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) at a cost of ₹2,250 per quintal.

The process of procurement would commence from November 13.

Register on FRUITS

For procurement of maize, farmers can go to the nearest milk union and register their names on the FRUITS portal of the Agriculture Department. About one lakh tonnes of maize would be procured by providing additional incentive of ₹16 per quintal (total ₹2,250), he said.

On milk price hike

The Minister said there was no proposal before the government to hike milk prices. However, compared to other States, milk prices are low in Karnataka, he claimed.

Farmers' associations want leaders attending winter session to stay in villages, understand the problems

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

The winter session of the legislature will start from December 4 in Belagavi

Farmers' associations want leaders attending winter session in Belagavi, starting December 4, to come and stay in villages and not hotels or government guest houses. These village stays will help the leaders realise the problems faced by villagers and farmers, particularly as they are hit by drought, they said.

"We have more than a thousand members who are willing to host the MLAs and MLCs. I think we can accommodate the 300 legislators. They need not go looking for hotels or guest houses in Belagavi, Dharwad, or even Hubballi," said Choonappa Pujari, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha leader. He was among the leaders who submitted a memorandum to the government in this regard.

He complained that every time, the winter session of the Assembly promises to discuss farmers' issues, especially drought and flood control in the Krishna basin and non-payment of remunerative prices for sugarcane producers, but does not keep its promise. "We are tired of sending petitions to leaders in the government and the Opposition to speak about us. We thought that offering to host them in our houses may open their eyes to our problems," he said.

"We know that most of our legislators are from farming families, but they seem to have forgotten their roots. We just want to revive their memory," said Jayashree Gurannanavar, farmers' leader.

Shivaleela Misale, Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatan leader, recalled that her family had hosted some leaders in the past. "One of the Ministers had a liking for north Karnataka village cuisine. We sent him lunch baskets every day for the two-week long session. We are willing to host any leader of any party in our house for the session. In fact, each member of our Sanghatan will be able to host one or two leaders, if they wish to stay. I am sure the police will take care of their security needs," Ms. Misale said. The Sanghatan said it will send an appeal to the chairpersons of both the Houses to disseminate this request.

However, some leaders remain sceptical. Sidagouda Modagi, Krishik Samaj leader, said: "We have made such appeals in the past, but in vain," he said. "In fact, when the then Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy announced for the first time that the winter session would be held in Belagavi, we demanded the discussions be held in the district stadium as the venue was yet to be built. An open house would also introduce transparency. But our suggestion was laughed at by some leaders and officers," Mr. Modagi said.

Where they stay

Every December, Belagavi and the nearby cities of Dharwad and Hubballi play host to the 300 legislators, around 600 officers, and 4,000 police officers and personnel for 10 days. The district administration forbids all private hotels, guest houses, and boarding facilities from admitting anyone other than those related to the winter session. VVIPs like the Chief Minister and Ministers stay at the VTU guest houses, senior officers stay in the British-era Belgaum Club, and some stay in the government guest houses or furnished apartments. Other officers stay in private hotels, Temporary shelters are built for police all around the city.

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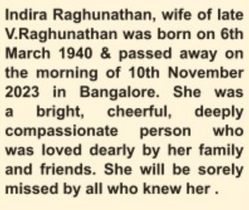

(INDIRA RAGHUNATHAN)

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She is deeply mourned by her daughter Jamuna and son-in-law Ravi, her son Shivakumar and daughter-in-law Charannya, her granddaughter Sujata and her husband Varun, grandchildren Sanjay and Varsha, and other relatives and friends. Om Shanti!

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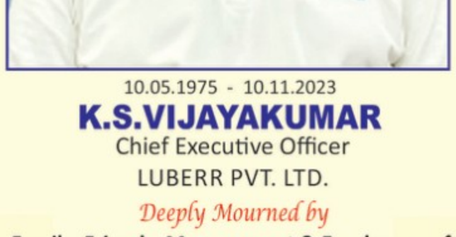

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Date of opening of technical bids	25.11.2023 @ 01.00 P.M

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Member Secretary, SDAT.

N. Murali, Director, THG Publishing Private Ltd, greeting Kanimozhi, MP and president, The Hindu Office & National Press Employees Union at the union's anniversary celebrations in Chennai. R. RAGU

Nation facing undeclared emergency over the past 10 years, says N. Murali

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The country and the media industry had been facing an undeclared 'Emergency' during the past 10 years similar to the period between 1975 and 1977, threatening freedom of speech, said N. Murali, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) on Friday.

Participating in the 67th anniversary celebrations of The Hindu and National Press Employees' Union in Chennai, Mr. Murali drawing parallels with the Emergency period when media freedom and political freedom were curtailed, said there is "silent assault" on both the freedoms, particularly with newspapers not being allowed to reflect the true situation. "Still a few news publications including *The Hindu*, *The Wire*, *The Telegraph*, and *Deccan Herald*, are not afraid to tell the truth," he said. The media industry, particularly the print publications, were facing several challenges in the form of steep increase in the newsprint cost and reduction in advertisement revenue, without much increase in the cost of advertisement.

According to him, the golden period for the newspaper industry, which witnessed profits of nearly 60% in advertisement revenue, was when the economy was liberated from licence raj during 1991-92. However, over the years with many online social media platforms coming up and the present younger generation not reading newspapers, the advertisement revenue has come down drastically by 29%.

N. Ram, Director, THGPPL, echoing the views of Mr. Murali regarding the assault on journalists by filing fake cases under draconian laws, pointed out India was ranked 161 in the World Press Freedom Index-2023 carried out among 180 countries by Reporters Without Borders.

Mr. Ram, who praised former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi for his contribution to journalism and media, however, argued that the setting up of the Fact-Check Unit by the State government recently was "unnecessary". He said that hope which helped people overcome the COVID-19 pandemic would help in overcoming the several challenges faced by the country in the future.

Kanimozhi, president, The Hindu and National Press Employees' Union and DMK MP, thanked the management for giving Deepavali bonus to its employees. She said the management had always remained shoulder to shoulder with the employees and at the same time the staff cooperated with the organisation whenever it faced challenges.

K. Venugopal, Chairman of Kasturi and Sons Limited and THGPPL Directors N. Ravi, Nalini Krishnan, Lakshmi Srinath, and Rohith Rangarajan participated in the function.

M. Kamalanathan, general secretary of the union, gave the welcome address.

T.N. govt. accords sanction to prosecute IPS officer accused of custodial torture

CB-CID to chargesheet Balveer Singh in four cases of custodial torture

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government has accorded sanction to prosecute Balveer Singh, a 2020-batch IPS officer (since suspended) who was alleged to have subjected accused persons to custodial torture in the Ambasamudram sub-division where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Police sources said the Crime Branch-CID of the Tamil Nadu police had completed the investigation into all four cases in which the officer was accused of forcibly pulling out the teeth of 15 suspects.

The investigating agency will now go ahead with the filing of a chargesheet against Mr. Singh and other police personnel who allegedly tortured suspects in Kallidakurichi, Vikramasingapuram and Ambasamudram police stations in 2022-23. An allegation under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was not made out, and hence, the charge was dropped, the sources said.

Besides examining dozens of witnesses, including police personnel, the CB-CID relied on the report of a team of doctors, forensic evidence and CCTV footage while investigating the four cases. Since many of the victims whose teeth were allegedly pulled out by Mr. Singh did not go to hospital to get treatment, the investigators had sought the opinion of a team of doctors attached to the Tirunelveli Medical College and Hospital.

Balveer Singh

Lab report

"As there was no record of their having undergone treatment in government or private hospitals, we had to get the opinion of a team of doctors to ascertain whether the teeth (of the complainants) were pulled out forcibly. A report has also been obtained from the Forensic Science Laboratory to match the blood stains found in the police stations with the blood of the victims," a senior police officer told *The Hindu* on Friday.

Parrying questions as to whether the reports had confirmed custodial torture, the officer said the chargesheet would have details of all aspects of the investigation with evidence gathered from different sources. "I can only say that the medical and scientific reports strengthen the allegations," the officer said.

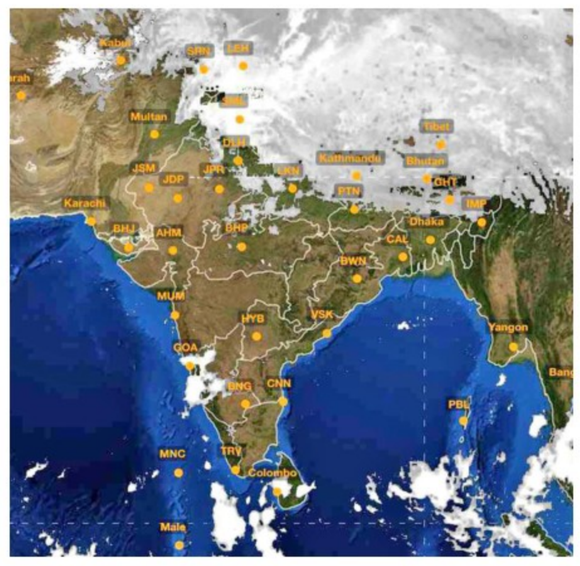
CB-CID inquiries had revealed that Mr. Singh was inspired by one of his close relatives, who had served as a police officer in a north Indian State. He had resorted to the practice of forcibly pulling out the teeth of accused persons using pliers to send out a warning to other rowdy elements in the area, the sources added.

Soon after the allegations of custodial torture surfaced in March, the State government transferred Mr. Singh without a posting.

However, amid mounting pressure from various political parties for stringent action against Mr. Singh, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that he had ordered the suspension of the accused officer, pending an inquiry.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.9	18.0	Kozhikode	—	34.2	25.1
Ahmedabad	—	35.8	20.3	Kurnool	—	34.5	23.0
Aizawl	—	28.2	15.8	Lucknow	—	30.0	18.0
Allahabad	—	33.4	18.1	Madurai	0.2	31.2	24.0
Bengaluru	—	27.6	19.8	Mangaluru	—	32.3	24.0
Bhopal	—	34.2	17.8	Mumbai	—	35.7	25.0
Bhubaneswar	—	31.4	20.0	Mysuru	4	30.0	21.4
Chandigarh	—	24.0	17.8	New Delhi	5.8	22.7	16.2
Chennai	19	32.1	24.2	Patna	—	30.1	18.4
Coimbatore	0.5	29.2	23.0	Port Blair	—	31.8	25.1
Dehradun	—	24.6	13.6	Puducherry	0.3	29.0	23.3
Gangtok	—	18.2	11.1	Pune	—	31.9	22.2
Goa	—	32.0	25.1	Raipur	—	33.4	19.3
Guwahati	—	31.0	17.6	Ranchi	—	29.0	17.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	21.0	Shillong	—	20.6	10.3
Hyderabad	—	31.4	22.6	Shimla	—	21.8	11.6
Imphal	—	35.4	12.5	Srinagar	17	17.6	6.3
Jaipur	—	30.2	21.2	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	31.8	24.6
Kochi	0.6	30.8	24.8	Tiruchi	4	30.7	23.0
Kohima	—	22.8	19.5	Vijayawada	—	32.4	24.0
Kolkata	—	30.8	19.7	Visakhapatnam	—	32.8	23.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	4	.19	309	264	
Bengaluru	7	.20	.33	110	102	
Chennai	3	8	.33	116	87	
Delhi	.12	116	.56	301	242	
Hyderabad	2	.29	.48	141	136	
Kolkata	.14	.99	.27	346	261	
Lucknow	.13	.50	.26	407	326	
Mumbai	2	.39	.18	150	147	
Pune	128	204	110	149	104	
Visakhapatnam	6	.66	.37	200	219	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bathinda, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 383 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ooty, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Suspected moral policing case: One arrested on charge of assaulting youth

The Shivamogga police have arrested a person on the charge of assaulting a youth from Bhadravati in a suspected case of moral policing. Shahbaz and two of his associates allegedly attacked Prasanna, a resident of Bhadravathi, near Gajanur in Shivamogga taluk on November 6. It is said that Prasanna visited Gajanur with a lady who happened to be from a different religion. Shahbaz and his associates stopped the couple and questioned Prasanna about why he was roaming with a girl from another religion. He suffered injuries to his face. Later, Prasanna filed a case with the Tunga Nagar Police in Shivamogga. Police Inspector Manjunath said that Shahbaz, one of the accused, had been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Two more people involved in the incident are absconding.

PDS supply hit in Kerala after power outage at data centre

The public distribution system (PDS) in Kerala came to a halt after a snag caused by a power outage in a data centre hindered biometric authentication of beneficiaries on Friday. Ration card holders had to return after waiting for hours at the 14,100-odd fair price shops as the e-PoS (electronic point of sale) machines failed to process the biometric data for the release of rations. Many shops witnessed considerable queues since these outlets had replenished their stocks of raw rice, parboiled rice, custom milled rice and their fortified variants only a few days ago. With the issue persisting, a holiday was declared for ration outlets.

Kerala Police to continue interrogation of Maoists

The three suspected Communist Party of India (Maoist) activists who were arrested by the Special Operation Group (SOG) of the Kerala Police three days ago are yet to reveal anything substantial about their recent encounters and action plans even after several hours of interrogation. Sources said their interrogation would continue. The Anti-Naxal Squads from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka will also quiz them in various cases registered against them in their States, they said.

LDF defers Cabinet reshuffle till December

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A crucial meeting of the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) State committee on Friday deferred the decision to induct Kerala Congress (B) leader K.B. Ganesh Kumar and Kadannappally Ramachandran of the Congress (S) into the Cabinet till December.

LDF convener E.P. Jayarajan attributed the delay to the government's mass contact programme commencing on November 18.

As per an agreement, the MLAs were to replace Transport Minister Antony Raju of the Democratic Kerala Congress and Ports Minister Ahammad Devarkovil of the Indian National League on November 25.

The LDF had promised Cabinet berths to four allies with single MLAs in the Assembly on a two-and-a-half-year sharing-term basis ending in November. Mr. Jayarajan said the LDF would honour the commitment. Nevertheless, he dashed the hopes of the Nationalist Congress Party and Revolutionary Socialist Party (Leninist), both single MLA outfits, by stating that the LDF was hard-pressed to accommodate the aspirations of all allies for a Cabinet seat.

The LDF decided to take the fight over the Centre's "strangulation of State finances, welfare and development" to Delhi. Mr. Vijayan, Ministers, and MPs will stage a sit-in there in January to spotlight the Centre's "transgressions on fiscal and administrative federalism." It tasked Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal with touring non-BJP-ruled States.

Karnataka expects revised EV policy to attract ₹50,000 crore investments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to create a robust electric vehicles (EV) ecosystem in Karnataka, the Karnataka government on Friday unveiled a revised draft EV policy (2023-28), which aims to attract ₹50,000 crore investment while creating job opportunities for one lakh people.

Pioneering force

"This proposed policy aims to transform Karnataka into a pioneering force in the field of electric mobility, embracing sustainable practices and equitable growth while fostering innovation and creating a robust ecosystem for EVs throughout the State," said M.B. Patil, Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development.

The Minister said the government would soon convene a joint meeting of the Ministers of finance, energy, transport, and urban development to iron out common issues before launching the final E-mobility policy.

Model cities

Responding to EV industry recommendations, Mr. Patil said that the government would develop model EV cities across the State to promote EV adoption. These model cities would be developed in Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad, and Mysuru among others.

The State was in discussion with the National Highway Authority of India to set up electric vehicle charging stations on either side of the highway at ten major toll booths along the national highway between Bengaluru and Pune, he further said.

KHIR City near Bengaluru

The Karnataka government has decided to set up a Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation and Research City on the outskirts of Bengaluru at an investment outlay of ₹40,000 crore.

The new investment region would be spread over 2,000 acres within 60 km from Bengaluru and developed in a phased manner and the project would generate over 80,000 new jobs, said a statement from the government.

Besides attracting investments, the city project was aimed at contributing at least ₹1 lakh crore to the State GDP, said Mr. Patil.

Joint exercise of navies of India and Bangladesh concludes

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

The 4th edition of bilateral exercises between the Indian and Bangladesh navies, Bongosagar-23, and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies were conducted in the northern Bay of Bengal from November 7 to 9.

Ships and aircraft from both the navies undertook joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), and subsequently conducted maritime exercises to enhance interoperability.

Indian Navy ships *Kuthar* and *Kiltan*, and maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) Dornier participated in the exercise, along with Bangladesh Navy ships *Abu Bakr* and *Abu Ubaidah*, and MPA.

Disaster relief drills

The ships undertook communication drills, surface gun-shoots, tactical manoeuvres and other exercises that culminated in a steam past.

CORPAT-23 also included the maiden humanitarian assistance and disaster relief drills conducted by the two navies, wherein a search-and-rescue scenario at sea was done. Regular bilateral exercises and coordinated patrols strengthened mutual understanding and cooperation between the two navies.

INS Kuthar is an indigenously-built guided missile Corvette, whereas INS Kiltan is an indigenously-built anti-submarine Corvette. Both ships are part of Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based in Visakhapatnam.

Qutb Shahi-era rampart wall in Golconda on the verge of collapse; experts seek ASI attention

Serish Nanisetti
HYDERABAD

Portions of the Golconda Fort's Naya Qila (new fort), built between the 14th and 17th centuries, have given way, creating a three-metre-wide hole. When it was constructed, four horses could run abreast on the wall that is nine metres wide and 12 metres high. The almost vertical wall with ashlar masonry, where dressed blocks of granite are laid together without bonding material, has now begun to slope inwards, its earthen sections washed away.

Lying in neglect: The granite blocks on the rampart wall of the Naya Qila (new fort) have started sloping inwards. SERISH NANISETTI

The Naya Qila, which encloses a hillock and a lake, was added to the fort by the Qutb Shahi dynasty in 1656, after the Mughal Army under Aurangzeb used the hillock to train his guns at the older fort

The path to the African baobab tree, one of the tourist attractions at the fort, has been restricted to prevent further damage. "We will inspect and restore the wall. The granite is strong and has not been affected," said an official of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the custodian of the monument.

The Naya Qila portion of the Golconda Fort has been turned into a 52-acre golf course by filling up the water body inside the fortification and changing the contours. The water from the lake outside the fort, which used to flow into the fort, is channelised through a new opening two years ago.

"Unscientific and ad-hoc interventions have brought the fort to this stage. The water is flowing through an area where it is not supposed to flow, so this was bound to happen. The ASI should act immediately so that further damage is arrested," said Sajjad Shahid, a civil engineer and co-convener of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage.

According to architect Sibghat Khan, who found the changes in the fort wall during a heritage walk, the caving in of the wall has changed the alignment of the rocks.

"The wall was not damaged overnight. It happened due to channelling of water from the Shah Hatim Lake to prevent flooding in Nadeem Colony. If the water can be drained, further damage can be limited," said Mr. Khan.

Over the top

The decision to expel Mahua Moitra smacks of political vendetta

The alacrity with which the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee went about recommending the expulsion of Trinamool Congress Member of Parliament (MP) Mahua Moitra from the lower House is certainly not a sign of any fidelity to ethics, or fairness. The recommendation is a brazenly partisan attempt to silence a critic of the government. It is also a warning shot meant to intimidate MPs from doing their job of holding the executive accountable. Neither the process nor the conclusions of the committee are grounded in any decipherable principle. The committee, with the help of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology found that the MP's credentials were used online from Dubai 47 times to access the Parliament portal. Parliamentary questions were submitted from abroad. As Opposition members in the committee have pointed out, the drafting and the submission of questions are routinely done by aides of MPs. And MPs raise questions in Parliament based on representations from various constituents. To assume without solid evidence that any question is in exchange of material favours and then to expel an elected MP, is an assault on parliamentary democracy itself. The committee is calling upon the government to investigate the allegation of '*quid pro quo*' raised by one of its members against Ms. Moitra, after holding her guilty, turning the principle of natural justice on its head.

If MPs are barred from sharing their login credentials with others, the rule must equally apply to one and all. Now that the committee has taken this extreme step of calling for the expulsion of an elected member from the House, thereby depriving the voters of her constituency representation, it should also investigate how other MPs prepare and submit parliamentary questions. The selective investigation of one MP, based on insinuations and conjectures, clearly comes out as what it is – intimidation. It is also in stark contrast with the tardy response of the Lok Sabha Committee of Privileges to a serious complaint against Bharatiya Janata Party MP Ramesh Bidhuri who used derogatory communal slurs against a fellow member in the Lok Sabha. That a member can abuse and threaten another member on the floor of the House is a matter of serious concern. That said, Ms. Moitra's act of allowing a person who is not employed by her to execute official work on her behalf betrays a lack of discretion and judgement. This should act as a lesson for all those who seek to hold the government accountable: to keep themselves beyond reproach.

Unending ordeal

Law enforcement officials and colleges must do more to prevent ragging

Multiple pieces of legislation and regulations prohibiting ragging on campuses have failed to end the dehumanising ordeals junior students are subjected to by their sadistic seniors. Nearly three months after a 17-year-old boy died due to ragging in West Bengal's Jadavpur University, a second-year undergraduate student of the PSG College of Technology in Tamil Nadu has been left brutalised, physically and mentally, for refusing to yield to monetary extortion by his seniors. Both States were among the earliest to enact legislation banning ragging. That students undergo such traumatic experiences despite civil society being rudely awakened by spine-chilling cases of brutalisation and even the murder of victims of ragging, exposes the gaps in the system that allow a vicious cycle where victims one year become perpetrators the next. From bullying and harassing freshers to ensure subservience to seniors, acts of ragging have taken perverse and cruel forms, including through sexual abuse, intended to dehumanise victims. An act of indiscipline has evolved into one that involves elements of criminality. While unlike earlier, ragging is no longer a given on campuses, it is evident that victims are not just the freshers and the harassment extends beyond the initial months of a new academic year, as seen above.

The Supreme Court-appointed R.K. Raghavan Committee had captured the causes, and suggested actionable remedies, in its 2007 report, 'The Menace of Ragging in Educational Institutions and Measures to Curb It'. The panel rightly categorised ragging as a form of "psychopathic behaviour and a reflection of deviant personalities". In 1999, a University Grants Commission (UGC) Committee had recommended a "Prohibition, Prevention and Punishment" approach to curb ragging. Yet, as the Raghavan Committee pointed out, many State laws only seek to prohibit, and not prevent, ragging. In its words, "while prevention must lead to prohibition, the reverse need not be true." Despite 'The UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions 2009', except for formalities such as conducting freshers' parties, mandating undertakings from students and parents against indulging in ragging, and putting up 'no-ragging' notices, the stakeholders have done little to prevent it. Institutions must create an encouraging atmosphere where teachers and hostel wardens, and not parents living in a distant place, are the first point of contact for victims. There must be greater accountability by educational institutions to prevent ragging. As the Raghavan panel recommended, regulatory authorities must ensure a ragging-free campus. This has a direct bearing on the maintenance of academic standards in individual institutions. Governments too must be earnest in implementing regulations, failing which campuses would not be safe for students.

Revamping the criminal justice system to fit the bill

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The Government has introduced three Bills to replace the core laws, i.e., the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act (IEA), 1872, which form the basis of the criminal justice system. These Bills are being examined by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs. (The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill will replace the IPC; the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill will be in place of the CrPC, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill will replace the IEA.)

As these Bills replace the entire Acts – and are not merely Amendment Bills to fix some gaps – they provide an opportunity for an overhaul of the laws underlying the criminal justice system. This raises the following questions – Do they update the law to reflect the concepts of modern jurisprudence? How do these Bills relate to various special laws? Do they help unclog the criminal justice system? Are various definitions and provisions drafted well without ambiguity?

Modernising the law

There are seven issues related to modernising jurisprudence. First, whether these Bills exclude civil law. Usually, criminal law deals with issues that are seen as an offence against the broader society or state while civil law deals with loss to a person. However, the CrPC includes provisions for maintenance of wife and children after divorce. It also allows compounding of some offences by the affected person, which means the accused person is acquitted. For example, a person who is cheated may decide to acquit the accused person. The question is whether such matters should be dealt with under the civil code. The new Bills retain these provisions.

Second, whether these Bills create a reformative system rather than a punitive system. There is a move towards this by making community service as a form of punishment. However, several minor offences (such as keeping an unauthorised lottery office, which carries a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment) are not compoundable, which means they will go through the process of trial and conviction.

Third, whether maintenance of public order and the process of criminal prosecution should be in the same law. The CrPC has provisions charting out the process of arrest and trial as well as items such as Section 144 that empower the district magistrate to impose various restrictions. The new Bill retains this structure.

> There needs to be proper parliamentary scrutiny of the new Bills replacing the IPC, the CrPC and the IEA to ensure a fair, just and efficient criminal justice system

Fourth, whether various directions of the Supreme Court of India have been codified in these proposed laws. The Bill codifies the procedure for mercy petitions. However, there is no codification of various directions related to arrests and bail.

Fifth, whether the Bills try to ensure consistency of implementation. Typically, penalties for offences specify a range, with the judge expected to specify the sentence within the range based on the circumstances of each case. However, for some offences, the range may be very wide; for example, the punishment is upto 10 years imprisonment if a person cohabits with a woman whom he falsely convinces that he is married to her. That is, the judge may pronounce a sentence anywhere between one day and 10 years. The new Bill retains such wide ranges.

Sixth, whether the age provisions have been updated for modern norms. The IPC specifies that a child below the age of seven years cannot be accused of an offence. It provides such exemption until 12 years of age, if the child is found not to have attained the ability to understand the nature and consequences of his conduct. The question is whether these age thresholds should be raised.

Seventh, whether gender related offences have been updated. The Bill is in line with the Supreme Court judgment which struck down the offence of adultery. Section 377 of the IPC, which was read down by the Court to decriminalise same sex intercourse between consenting adults has been dropped; consequently, the parts retained by that judgment including rape of a male adult and bestiality have also been removed. The Justice Verma Committee, in 2013, had recommended making marital rape an offence; this has not been done.

Overlap with special laws

The IPC was enacted in 1860 as the principal law specifying offences and penalties. Since then, several laws have been enacted to deal with specific offences. However, the IPC and the Bill to replace it continue to specify some of these offences and the applicable penalties. This leads to duplication as well as inconsistency across these laws. In some cases, the penalties are different; also, a person may face prosecution under different laws for the same action.

In some cases, this has been addressed. For example, the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 states that provisions of the IPC related to weights and measures will not apply; the Bill removes these provisions. However, the Bill (like the IPC) overlaps with several other Acts such as those related to food adulteration, sale of adulterated drugs, bonded labour, and rash driving. Abortion continues to be an offence though it is permitted under certain conditions under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. The Bill replacing CrPC retains the provision requiring maintenance of a parent though a special Act was passed in 2007 regarding this.

Definitions and drafting

The Bill replacing the IPC provides a person suffering from mental illness as a general exception from being an offender (this was called unsound mind earlier). The definition of mental illness is the same as in the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. That Act aims to provide medical treatment to persons suffering from mental illness, and, therefore, excludes mental retardation or incomplete development; it also includes abuse of alcohol or drugs. Consequently, the new Bill will provide full exemption to someone who is addicted to alcohol or drugs but not to a person who is unable to understand the consequences of their actions due to mental retardation.

The three laws had a number of illustrations from daily life to clarify their provisions. Some of these illustrations have become obsolete but have still been retained. These include people riding chariots, firing cannons and being carried on palanquins. It may be useful to update these illustrations to events from modern life.

These Bills will become the basis of the criminal justice system. Parliament should examine them with great care so that they create a fair, just and efficient criminal justice system.

The U.S.'s signal of a huge digital shift

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When Thomas L. Friedman triumphantly declared in 2005 that the world was flat, with the opportunities having been equalised globally, it was considerably premised on new digital developments. This new geopolitical and geo-economic ideology was led by the United States, home to most of the world's Big Tech. It first sought to redefine development through the field of ICT4D (Information and Communication Technologies for Development), and then herald a new dawn for democracy globally, most characterised by colour revolutions in East Europe and the so-called Arab Spring.

Prempting digital regulation

Behind it all of course was a new plan to employ the global reach of digital tentacles, and later data-enabled controls, for economic expansionism. Some called it digital colonisation, due to its extractive nature. The U.S. thereby sought to prempt alarmed national regimes from reconstructing boundaries to contain digital globalisation. It devised a set of digital trade proposals seeking binding commitments from countries to essentially prevent any effective future regulation of Big Tech. For some years now, such digital trade proposals have been the hottest agenda at various plurilateral trade negotiations and at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Countries such as India and South Africa, and some other developing ones, have stoutly resisted the U.S.-driven digital trade agreements juggernaut.

In the circumstances, the world was shocked to hear the U.S. withdraw, in late October, from its centerpiece digital trade positions at the WTO – those about data flows/localisation, access to source code, and location of computing facilities. The declaration represents a watershed moment about how the global digital economy and society will evolve going forward. The stated motive is the realisation that the U.S. needs domestic policy space to regulate Big Tech and AI, for which data and source code could be important leverage points. Having employed this as a major reason for opposing global digital trade agreements, developing countries can feel vindicated. However, they also had strong economic reasons; an uncontrolled remit of the Big Tech would not allow domestic digital industrialisation.

> America's withdrawal from its centerpiece digital trade positions at the WTO now gives developing countries a good opportunity to shape effective digital regulation

From flat to a split digital world

But a major (perhaps the main, unstated) reason for the U.S. declaration is the China factor. The flat world was a happy place for the U.S. when it meant its singular digital hegemony over it. But with China fast on the heels of the U.S. towards digital superpower-hood, the situation has become more complex. The digital trade negotiations at the WTO are open to all countries, and China grasped the opportunity to participate in them. China had leveraged its accession to the WTO in 2001 to become the 'world's factory', thereby taking its economic development, and subsequently geopolitical status, to an entirely new level. A free digital trade agreement – with free data flows, without the need to share the source code of digital products, and allowing remote computing facilities – could similarly be employed globally by China to now outsmart the U.S. digitally. It could help bring China on an equal footing with the U.S. in accessing global digital markets, and in driving and controlling the world's digitalisation, in all sectors. Apart from the economic challenge, the U.S. also considers any pervasive Chinese digital presence globally as a major security threat.

Such Cold War-like economic and security-related exclusions, and blocs building, may at least be as important a reason behind the U.S. declaration as the stated one of preserving policy space. Even though having withdrawn from these all-important positions in the WTO digital trade negotiations, where China cannot be excluded, the U.S. may still push for data flow, source code, and facilities location, related provisions in regional digital trade deals, in some form or the other. Such deals will be led by the U.S., and, significantly, be limited to its allies. The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) and the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity (APEP) are two such initiatives by the U.S. It is pursuing similar interests through bilateral trade and technology councils, for example with the European Union (EU) and India.

The historic declaration by the U.S. can, therefore, be seen in two different lights. At one level, it signals a full global acceptance that preserving national policy space around data flows, source code, and location of computing facilities is key to all-important digital regulation. This is a most welcome development. But at another level, what indeed is rather worrying is that it could firmly herald the splitting of the global digital space, structures and value-chains into two competing blocs – one led by the U.S. and other by China. This is already happening, but could now pick up a new momentum.

Resisting digital dependencies

What does this mean for developing countries such as India? They should make the most of the new global consensus on the need for strong digital regulations to rein in Big Tech and manage AI, including through policies related to data, source code, and location of computing facilities. The U.S.'s statement is like abnegation by the king, with the EU already employing data and source code related laws in its domestic regulation which are beginning to look quite contrary to its positions at global digital trade forums. Developing countries should grasp this opportunity with both hands to urgently shape new paradigms for national digital regulation.

But, at the same time, developing countries must stoutly resist a new trap of a digital Cold War, whereby they get bound into digital dependencies either with the U.S. or China. A new digital regulation paradigm should combine with strong digital industrial policies to bolster domestic digital industry. Countries should aim at creating globally open standards, open protocols, and open digital public infrastructures. All these together could mean complete and genuine global-scale interoperability. This would enable open global digital value chains, allowing easy switching across global digital trade partners – suppliers or consumers – whether from the U.S., China, or elsewhere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Panel's recommendation

There is nothing ethical in what the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee has done in the case of the Trinamool Congress Member of Parliament, Mahua Moitra (Page 1, November 10). It will be nothing short of travesty if she is expelled, which will weaken democracy in India. One hopes that the Speaker of the Lok Sabha acts wisely. The Bharatiya Janata Party might want to derive political mileage from the episode, which is not worth it.

D. Nagarjuna,
Hyderabad

If it is established that the woman MP did accept money for asking questions, she deserves to be punished. But it must be on the basis of substantial evidence. If it is a case of political vendetta, the episode is extremely shameful.

S.K. Vijayan,
Alappuzha, Kerala

It would have been a huge surprise had the ethics committee not recommended the expulsion of the MP. The recommendation is not only partisan but also devoid of ethics and fairness. The ruling party at the Centre and its governments will not spare any effort to punish and silence critics.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

It is quite unfortunate that the ethics committee had to recommend expulsion. At the same time, one fails to go with Ms. Moitra's argument that "the issue of log-in sharing is a non-issue". Raising questions in Parliament is one of the many special privileges granted to MPs. This is a right to be utilised to ameliorate the lot of the people and not individuals with vested interests. Sharing log-in credentials with a 'business rival' is a violation of set rules. Every such breach of act should not be seen through the prism of politics.

Rettavayal S. Krishnaswamy,
Chennai

Strange statements

It is painful that people in exalted positions are issuing strange statements without fathoming what the real meaning of *Sanatana Dharma* is. Care must be taken to avoid controversy.

P.S. Rajagopalan,
Chennai

A victim of ragging

The 'disease' of ragging appears to be acquiring a more dangerous dimension nowadays (Inside pages, "Ragging victim was locked up in room for five hours, reveals FIR", November 10). It is shocking that such behaviour is seen in students pursuing a professional course. The punishment for ragging is too weak, which is why it continues unabated.

Manoharan Muthuswamy,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

The front-page headline, "Ethics panel recommends disqualification of Moitra" (November 10, 2023), was inaccurate. The recommendation of the Lok Sabha Ethics Commitee was to 'expel' — not 'disqualify' — the TMC's Mahua Moitra from the Lok Sabha.

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Stubble trouble

Every year, in October-November, pollution levels spike in north India. While many factors come together to create smog, stubble burning remains a significant one, despite fewer incidents being recorded this year compared to last year, report **Vikas Vasudeva** and **Nikhil M. Babu**

Paddy crop residue being burned on the outskirts of Chandigarh. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

It's the first week of November and Delhi is blanketed in smog. But buses full of children in school uniform head towards Lodi Garden, a sprawling park in the heart of the city, and groups of people amble towards India Gate, a war memorial. It is rare to see faces covered with N95 masks, despite the air quality index (AQI) hitting the severe-plus 500 mark and the government banning construction and the plying of certain types of vehicles as emergency measures to control air pollution.

But on the fifth floor of a building at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the largest government hospital in Delhi, 39-year-old Fauzia Begum's brother wheels her into a doctor's room. A white tube from an oxygen cylinder, attached to a side of the wheelchair, splits into two. They go into Begum's nostrils.

Begum coughs. "Her condition got worse over the last week due to the pollution," her brother tells the doctor. In a low voice, Begum adds, "It's hard to breathe. I can't sit and I feel very weak. What should I do?"

"This month is very bad," the doctor replies. "Every year, you will have to take this injection in November-December," he adds and scribbles a list of medicines on her file.

Outside the room, Begum's brother says her condition had worsened during this time last year too, when Delhi's air became thick, brown, and toxic. "She was better and could breathe with us running the oxygen at 2 (litres per minute)," he says. "About two weeks ago, she started getting breathless and we increased it to 3. But she was still not fine, so we had to increase it to 4," he says. Begum used to be more active than him, he rues.

"Now, I only go to hospital," says Begum.

A north-centric problem

Many other patients show a similar pattern, says Dr. Vijay Hadda, Additional Professor (Pulmonary Medicine) at AIIMS. He termed pollution a "hidden killer" that affects "almost every organ." Air pollution has been linked to lung cancer, stroke, heart attack, and many other diseases. About 1.67 million Indians died prematurely in 2019 alone due to air pollution, accounting for 18% of all fatalities, according to a report published by *The Lancet* last year.

India ranks eighth in the list of countries with the worst air quality index, according to the Annual World Air Quality Report released by Swiss air quality technology company, IQAir, earlier this year. To make matters worse, of the top 20 most polluted cities in the world, 14 were from north India.

Poor air is therefore not just a Delhi problem. Every year, especially during winter, air pollution spikes in the entire Indo-Gangetic Plain. This region, covering large parts of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and eastern Uttar Pradesh, constitutes an airshed, which means that roughly the same atmospheric conditions prevail everywhere.

Pollution spikes when pollutants from different sources are not dispersed easily in winter because of a drop in wind speed and temperature. Vehicle and diesel generator exhaust, heavy industry emissions, soil and road dust, open waste burning, and biomass burning are all present in the atmosphere throughout the year. In winter they get accumulated, amplifying the effects of the pollutants compared to summer. The pollution from stubble burning, a practice of removing paddy crop residue from fields to sow wheat, which happens in October-November, makes the situation worse.

This November too, air pollution spiked in the Indo-Gangetic Plain and a toxic smog covered the national capital for about a week. Delhi remained the 'most polluted' major city in the world for many days in November, according to IQAir's live data for over 100 cities.

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Calling it a "murder of the health of the people," the Supreme Court cracked the whip on the government. Among other directions, it ordered Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan to stop stubble burning "forthwith".

Last week, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) blamed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-ruled Punjab for stubble burning in the State, the AAP hit back saying this is a north Indian problem for which the BJP has no plan. Paddy stubble burning, a politically sensitive issue, takes place only during the harvest period of September 15-November 30.

Fewer stubble burning incidents

The good news is that the number of stubble-burning incidents in the region are falling, according to the Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space Lab, run by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute. In 2022, the number of farm fires fell in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh compared to the previous year.

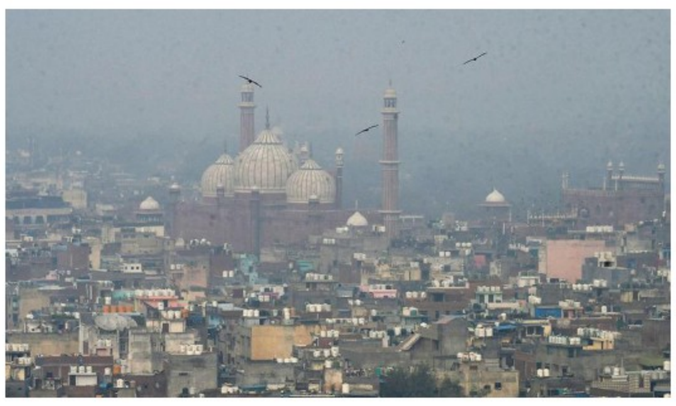
This year too, there is a fall. According to data from the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), collected through satellite imagery, the State recorded 22,981 stubble-burning incidents from September 15 to November 8. Sangrur, the home district of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, recorded the highest number of farm fires at 4,070. Last year, 33,090 such incidents were recorded during the same period in the State. These figures show that while farm fires have reduced, they are still high in absolute numbers.

On October 22 this year, stubble burning accounted for about 16% of the PM2.5 particulate matter in Delhi. It increased to nearly 35% on November 3, the highest this season, when the AQI broke into the most toxic category, according to a tracker maintained by the Earth Sciences Ministry.

Meteorological factors play a significant role in determining the degree of particulate matter coming in from stubble burning outside of Delhi-NCR. "It was surprising that multiple weather factors combined between October 26-31," says Professor Sachchida Nand Tripathi, an authority on atmospheric sciences, at IIT Kanpur. "The boundary layer dropped by 50%, the wind direction changed from north-east to northwest, and the columnar winds were as low as they can get. It's well known that these values will correspond to the worst pollution levels," he says. The boundary layer refers to the height at which pollutants hover. If it's too low, natural wind drafts cannot flush the pollutants away. The same goes for columnar wind.

'We burn stubble out of compulsion'

As stubble burning is a significant factor, though not solely responsible for the spike in pollution, as Tripathi says, it also dominates conversations in Punjab. In Fatehpur, a village on the outskirts of Patiala city, winter is setting in. It is that time of the year when farmers in Punjab and Haryana race against time to harvest the paddy (summer) crop and prepare to sow the wheat (winter) crop.



A thick layer of smog covers Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Paddy, which is harvested with combine harvester machines, leaves behind a stubble on the field. Many farmers find burning the crop residue to be the most "effective and cheap" method when they want to prepare their farm to sow wheat. As they have only three weeks between the harvest of paddy and the sowing of wheat, farmers resort to stubble burning.

Farmers across Punjab annually face the challenge of managing nearly 20 million tonnes of paddy straw. It is estimated by the State government that over 15 million tonnes of paddy straw are burnt in open fields to clear the land for sowing wheat or other crops.

Ajit Singh (name changed to protect privacy), 58, is aware of the 2015 order of National Green Tribunal, which bans stubble burning. But the owner of a 14-acre family farm says he is helpless.

"Most farmers don't want to set stubble on fire," he says. "They do it out of compulsion. We are the first victims of the pollution from crop burning, so why would we want that? The problem is that successive governments have failed to provide us with viable options to manage the crop residue."

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> **AJIT SINGH**
> Farmer

He adds that if farmers were given machines or financial incentives by the government "in a time-bound manner," they wouldn't burn the residue.

For the last few years, the government has been providing crop residue management (CRM) machines, but even on subsidy, they are expensive, especially for small and marginal farmers. They are also not available on time. This year, the government has been promoting the use of balers (machines designed to compress crop residue into compact bales).

"The problem remains the same: they are not available when we need them," Ajit says.

In the village, a group of farmers meet close to a pond. They debate the controversial incident of some farmers in a village in Bathinda forcing a government official to burn paddy straw in a field last week. A first information report was registered against the perpetrators. Mann said that "the State government can't be a mute spectator to this incident and allow anarchy to prevail."

The farmers say the problem is deeper. "Mechanisation is only a partial solution. The government needs to promote crop diversification, which is only possible through a minimum support price and assured purchase of the produce for other crops on the lines of paddy and wheat," says Gurpreet Singh, 35, who has been using a super-seeder machine for removing paddy stubble. These machines plough standing paddy stubble in soil and sow wheat seed simultaneously in a single operation.

Amarjit Singh (name changed), of Bari village in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district, says the private bale operator he had approached asked him to pay ₹800 per acre to have his field cleared. Amarjit refused. "I can't bear that cost as it adds to the cost of cultivation. Why can't the government make an arrangement to lift the stubble from our fields," he says.

In Rupnagar district's Rolu Majra village, Pargat Singh, in his 70s, who has cultivated paddy in a 14-acre farm, says farmers have been demanding ₹2,500-3,000 per acre from the government for many years: "If they pay us this, we will not burn the stubble because we can opt for scientific methods to dispose of the residue."

There has been an encouraging response for balers from farmers this year, says Jaswant Singh, Director of the Punjab Agriculture Department. "The demand has gone up significantly this season. Most of these balers are imported. The companies in the business had procured balers keeping in view the routine demand. But given this sudden rise, we have had a problem of shortage. We hope it is resolved soon."

With no quick solutions in sight, farmers have reluctantly been burning paddy, which has caused air pollution to spike in the last fortnight in Punjab. The AQI has slipped from the 'moderate' to 'poor' category. Experts fear that with close to 20% of area of paddy yet to be harvested, pollution will only spike further.

Asserting that the number of hospital patients with respiratory diseases has gone up in the last few days, Dr. Aslam Parvez, president of Punjab Rural Medical Services Association, says, "Stubble burning triggers respiratory disease. We are seeing more and more patients with cough, runny nose, itchy eyes, besides skin diseases."

Government initiatives

For the management of crop residue, the Punjab government has been providing subsidies on the purchase of CRM machines, including surface seeders, an in-situ paddy stubble management device. The State government has mandated that brick kilns use stubble as fuel and that other plants buy stubble from farmers.

Gurpreet Singh Kuthala, from Ferozepur-Kuthala village in Malerkotla district, says that the demand for stubble from biomass energy plants, industrial boilers, and paper cardboard mills has seen an uptick this year. This is fetching the farmers a good price.

"Last year, I bought a rake and baler on government subsidy for stubble management. I cleared stubble in 600 acres and earned around ₹20 lakh by selling bales. This year, I expect the area to go up to 2,000 acres. I don't charge anything from the farmers. I have entered into an agreement with a compressed bio-gas plant situated in Sangrur. They pay ₹170 per quintal for the bale," he says.

P.S. Rangi, former adviser to the Punjab State Farmers Commission, says the State has over 10 lakh farming families who have land holdings of 2-5 acres and cannot afford to opt for mechanised farming. "While supplying agro-machines on subsidy may reduce the problem of stubble burning to some extent, it is not a complete solution. These agro-machines are used for a limited period of time. They are of no use for the whole year. Also, they have no utility unless they are provided within the required time," Rangi says.

To curb the menace of stubble burning, PPCB has been promoting paddy straw as a resource to create wealth. "The PPCB has been encouraging the use of paddy straw in power plants and industrial boilers. Demonstrative industrial boilers were installed and entrepreneurs are trying to replicate them in their units. Punjab has tackled technological challenges over the last two years. There have been metallurgical improvements in industrial boiler vessels and the supply chain of paddy straw has been strengthened. The efforts have resulted in 125% increase (to 4.5 million tonnes) in paddy straw usage from the previous year," says Krunesh Garg, chief environmental engineer, PPCB.

Meanwhile in Delhi, though schools have shut, children continue to go out and play, and people party on and even burst firecrackers.

With inputs from Jacob Koshy

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‘Governors cannot sit on Bills passed by House’

“Governor is intended to be a constitutional Statesman guiding the government on matters of constitutional concern,” the court added.

‘Breach of practice’

Mr. Purohit had held back the Bills on the ground that the Speaker had adjourned the Budget Session of the House *sine die* in March without proroguing it. He refused to consider the proposed laws presented to him on the ground that the special Assembly sitting in which the Bills were passed in June was “patently illegal” and in breach of the practice and procedure under the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Rules. The Governor, responding through his secretary, said the House had convened again in October to pass three Money Bills. Two of these Money Bills were recommended for introduction in the House after the State government moved the Supreme Court. One is still pending action with the Governor, who claimed that the October sitting convened by the Speaker was also illegal. He contended that it was not open for the Speaker to drag the Budget Session into the Monsoon Session.

The Governor said the Speaker had no authority to adjourn the House *sine die* in perpetuation without proroguing it. Adjourning *sine die* is an “interruption of one and the same session” while prorogation is a termination of the session. The Speaker adjourns the House. The Governor prorogues it.

“The Speaker, who has been recognised to be the guardian of the privilege of the House and constitutionally recognised authority who represents the House, was acting well within his jurisdiction in adjourning the House *sine die*,” the court concluded.

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, dictating the order in court as the head of the Bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said it was the right of each House of Legislature to be the sole judge of the lawfulness of its own proceedings.

The Bench observed that a House was governed by the decisions of the Speaker on adjournments. It would not be constitutionally valid for the Governor to question how the Speaker exercised his jurisdiction over the conduct of the House. The court said the Governor could either assent to the Bills, withhold assent and send them back with a “message” to reconsider them or refer them to the President.

Gaza crisis: India bats for two-state solution

“Noting horrific terrorist attacks against Israel, the Ministers reiterated that India and the U.S. stand with Israel against terrorism and called for adherence to international humanitarian law, including with regard to the protection of civilians. They called for the immediate release of all remaining hostages,” read a joint statement issued after the ‘2+2’ Ministerial meeting.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s interactions in Delhi were a continuation of his diplomacy on the Israel-Palestinian crisis which has taken a heavy humanitarian toll due to the continued Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip. The joint statement reflected Mr. Blinken’s recent arguments made during a meeting with Arab Foreign Ministers in Amman on November 4, where the U.S. had refused to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. The ‘2+2’ meeting was led by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the Indian side, and Mr. Blinken and U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin. A broad range of issues, including the India-Canada spat over Khalistani groups and the upcoming election in Bangladesh, were discussed. Mr. Blinken and Mr. Austin met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday evening. “Our shared belief in democracy, pluralism and the rule of law underpins our mutually beneficial cooperation in diverse sectors. The India-US partnership is truly a force for global good,” Mr. Modi said in a message.

‘India, U.S. in agreement on strategic issues’

“The India-U.S. defence relationship has evolved into a strategic partnership characterised by mutual trust, shared values, and a growing recognition of common interests in maintaining regional and global security,” Mr. Singh said in his opening remarks. “We share a focus on maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region, recognising the criticality of safeguarding vital sea lanes, and promoting stability; our teams are working on the substantive outcomes.”

Noting that the strategic convergence would expand the scope of collaboration to new domains, he said: “We are charting new pathways of cooperation by pursuing stronger defence, industrial engagement, easing of technology restrictions, resilient supply chains in all domains, and maritime security.” “Our relationship is not just about the People’s Republic of China and is based on many things,” Mr. Austin said. “It is based on shared values and democracy. We are cooperating in undersea and space technologies,” he added.

The two countries are negotiating deals for the purchase of 31 MQ-9B unmanned aerial vehicles, and for the licensed manufacture of General Electric’s F-414 jet engine in India, which has been chosen to power the LCA-MK2.

T.N. Governor holding back Bills a matter of concern: SC

The top court highlights that Article 200 of the Constitution mandated the Governor to act very soon when Bills, passed by the State Legislature, were presented to him for declaration of assent

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said the “constitutional deadlock” created by Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi by inexplicably delaying or even failing to consider and assent to 12 crucial Bills passed by the Assembly and stymieing day-to-day governance in a way which is threatening to bring administration in the State to a grinding halt was a “serious concern”.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud issued formal notice to the Union of India through the Home Ministry to respond to the Tamil Nadu government’s petition that the Governor was acting in a manner which “defeats the rights of the people” of the State to welfare legislation.

The court asked the Attorney-General of India, or in his absence, the Solicitor-General of India to be present in court on November 20 even as Tamil Nadu, represented by senior advocates A.M. Singhvi and P. Wilson, said the Governor was even holding back files seeking sanction for prosecution of public servants in corruption cases, pleas for premature release of prisoners, and appointments to the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC).

The State asked the court to fix a deadline for Governor R.N. Ravi to consider the Bills pending with his office. PTI

Mr. Wilson submitted that there was “not a word” from the Governor on any of these files or Bills, which related to subjects from public health to higher education.

The court, in its short order, highlighted that Article 200 of the Constitution mandated the Governor to act “as soon as possible” when Bills, passed by the State Legislature, were presented to him for declaration of assent.

Chief Justice Chandrachud orally observed that the Governor could either give his assent, withhold assent in which case, if the Bills were not Money Bills, return the Bills to the House suggesting modifications/amendments or refer the proposed laws to the President. The court said the Governor could not just sit on them indefinitely.

“We have been begging him to consider them. We have been begging him to grant sanction for prosecution. We have been begging him for remission... He is doing nothing,” Mr. Singhvi said.

Mr. Wilson said 10 of the 14 posts in the TNPSC, including that of the Chairperson, were vacant. There are four files for prosecution sanction forwarded to the Governor between April 2022 and May 2023.

The State said the Governor had positioned himself as a political rival to the legitimately elected government. The Governor’s inactions had caused an *impasse* between the constitutional head of the State and the elected government of the State. The Governor was toying away with the citizen’s mandate, the petition said.

The State urged the Supreme Court to declare the “inaction, omission, delay and failure to comply with the constitutional mandate by the Governor of Tamil Nadu” as illegal and arbitrary.

It also sought the court to fix a deadline for Mr. Ravi to consider the Bills and orders pending with his office. The State accused the Governor of “politically motivated conduct” for denying sanction to probe authorities in corruption cases against public servants despite finding *prima facie* evidence against them.

In letter to Speaker, Mahua questions leak of Ethics panel report

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Mahua Moitra

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla questioning how news channel NDTV, which is owned by the Adani Group, got access to the draft report of the Ethics Committee inquiring into the “cash-for-query” allegations against her.

“It is even more shocking because this media channel is majority-owned by Adani Group, against whom I have raised very serious questions of corporate fraud and breach of financial and securities regulations in the Lok Sabha,” Ms. Moitra said in the letter on Thursday, which she posted on X.

She added that the Adani Group was “under the scanner for a ₹13,000 crore coal scam where they have over-invoiced imports in addition to serious allegations of corporate fraud in the areas of energy and gas, infrastructure etc.”

‘Total breakdown’

“The group’s shareholding pattern is extremely suspect with dubious FPI’s owning stock via the back door in violation of Indian securities regulations,” Ms. Moitra alleged.

In her letter, the Trinamool leader said that it was a “total breakdown” of all due process and rules of the Lok Sabha. “Your inaction and lack of response to my previous complaints is also unfortunate. However, as a matter of record wish to bring this egregious breach to your urgent attention,” she said.

Her letter came just hours before the Ethics Committee adopted a report, recommending her expulsion from the Lok Sabha.

The report will be tabled on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament scheduled to begin on December 4.

This is the first time since the Ethics Committee came into existence in 2000 that the panel has recommended the expulsion of an MP.

BRO says Amarnath road project will help pilgrims’ movement

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Facing outcry from the Jammu and Kashmir-based political parties, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Saturday clarified that the ongoing road project to the Amarnath cave shrine was to widen the tracks for pedestrian traffic, keeping in view the environmental concerns.

“The court in 2012 issued the directions for sufficient widening of tracks to facilitate pedestrian traffic and address congestion on the track, improvement of critical stretches of the existing track, provide safety railings and retaining walls along the vulnerable stretches etc. keeping in view the environmental concerns,” the BRO said in a statement.

“To continue with the work, which could not be completed before the last yatra, the BRO by engaging men and machinery, has widened many remaining portions of the tracks, which were narrow and vulnerable. This will make the movement of *yatris* visiting the Holy Shrine on foot or *palkies* or *dandies* and ponies more comfortable and convenient,” it said. The clarification comes days after the BRO posted pictures of vehicles parked near the cave shrine and described it “a formidable task”.

The trekking path to the Amarnath shrine. ANI

168 villages along China border to get road connectivity in a year: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said 168 villages along the China border that do not have any connectivity yet would be connected by road and other forms of communication in the next one year. He said the country’s security would suffer if border villages were emptied out due to migration and the vibrant village programme (VVP) would ensure that all facilities and infrastructure reached there. He said the country could not be safe without development of the border areas.

Mr. Shah was speaking at the 62nd Raising Day parade of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in Dehradun on Friday. The ITBP is the primary force deployed along the 3,488-km China border.

He said that seven battalions of the ITBP were sanctioned by the government and out of them, four battalions would be deployed shortly. Mr. Shah said these seven battalions and one sector headquarters would be built at a cost of approximately ₹3,000 crore.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated by ITBP Director-General Anish Dayal Singh in Dehradun on Friday. ANI/PIB

The Centre wanted the border villages to be treated as first villages not just geographically but also in terms of facilities, he said.

He said that before 2014, the average spent on border infrastructure was ₹4,000 crore per year and in the past nine-and-a-half years, it had trebled to ₹12,340 crore on an average with money being spent on road, border outposts and infrastructure.

Mr. Shah said whenever he heard of any news from India-China border, he was assured that not even an inch of land would be occupied as the ITBP was posted there. He said a budgetary allocation of ₹4,800 crore had been made to create adequate infrastructural, health and educational facilities in 662 border villages of 19 districts under the VVP. The ITBP could also be made the nodal agency for carrying out developmental work in the border villages, he said.

Mr. Shah said that among the many new initiatives taken on Friday, the Self Sustainable Energy Building (SSEB) was very special because built at an altitude of 17,000 feet in the cold desert this building would become a symbol of self-reliant India. He said this building was a Deepavali gift to the Himveers from the PM. He said it would keep the soldiers safe at a temperature of 18-19 degrees Celsius. He said the SSEB was completed in just two months.

Modi may attend COP-28 summit in Dubai; to host G-20 summit virtually

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely be present at the 28th edition of the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP-28), which will begin in Dubai on November 30, sources confirmed to *The Hindu*.

The annual climate conference is the most high-profile summit to discuss the challenges from climate change and the roles and responsibilities of the world’s governments in addressing it. During his visit to the UAE in July this year, Mr. Modi had signed agreements and committed to future engagement. One of the things that was committed to was a joint resolution to “...make COP-28 a joint success for all”.

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Mr. Modi is likely to be present on December 1, sources said, when heads of state from several countries are expected to make statements. COP-28 will go on till December 12.

He is also hosting the Voice of Global Summit and the G-20 summits virtually, and climate change commitments as well as the need for concrete moves on climate finance from the developed world are likely to be highlighted.

The last time Mr. Modi visited a COP summit was the 26th edition, held in Scotland, where he committed to India achieving net zero - or no net emissions of carbon dioxide - by 2070. India’s presidency of the G-20 and the resulting New Delhi agreement in September placed climate change, the adoption of renewable energy and the responsibility of richer, developed countries to shoulder greater responsibility for the climate crisis as central issues.

The major themes expected to resonate at COP-28 are the Global Stocktake, where countries are expected to present the steps they have undertaken to meet commitments towards achieving goals of the Paris Agreement. Countries are also expected to deliberate on the Loss and Damages Fund, to compensate countries already bearing the brunt of climate change.

Slapping case: court raps U.P. govt. for not complying with order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed shock at the Uttar Pradesh government’s lack of compliance with a direction to provide expert counselling for a Muslim student whose teacher at a Muzaffarnagar private school encouraged his classmates to slap him. A Bench headed by Justice A.S. Oka asked the State Education Secretary to be present virtually on the next date of hearing on December 11.

“To say the least, the approach of the State, as can be seen affidavit, is shocking,” the court said.

The court asked Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) to suggest a counselling programme and names of expert counsellors.

“To avoid any strong action by the court, we hope and trust that the Secretary will personally look into the matter and ensure that the order passed by this court is complied in letter and spirit and affidavits are placed at least three days in advance before the next date,” the court said.

The court had earlier flagged the incident as “very serious” and in violation of Article 21A (the fundamental right of a child to free and compulsory education) of the Constitution, the Right to Education Act, and even the Uttar Pradesh Rules which tasks the local authorities to ensure that children do not face discrimination in classrooms.

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2023

MIZORAM » MADHYA PRADESH » RAJASTHAN » CHHATTISGARH » TELANGANA

Report flags candidates' criminal cases

At least 100 out of 953 candidates contesting the second phase of the Chhattisgarh Assembly elections have criminal cases against their names, with 56 facing serious offences of voluntarily causing hurt, cheating and criminal intimidation.

As per a report by the Chhattisgarh Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) released on Friday, out of 953 candidates analysed, 100 (10%) candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.

Among the major parties, 13 (19%) candidates from the Congress, 12 from the Bharatiya Janata Party, 11 from the Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (J) and 12 (27%) from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have declared criminal cases in their affidavits, the report said. PTI

According to the report, 56 candidates face serious offences. PTI

Gehlot slams Modi over 'terrorist' jibe

Taking strong exception to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks that Congress was "sympathetic to terrorists", Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday said such language was unacceptable, as it could vitiate the atmosphere and make issues out of non-issues by provoking people.

"I would make a humble request to the Prime Minister not to create this kind of environment in the country. It is not in the interest of the nation, nor the society," Mr. Gehlot said, addressing the media after a party programme at Bali in Pali district.

Mr. Modi had made the remarks during an election rally in Udaipur on Thursday and accused the Congress government of pursuing an appeasement policy to help the terrorists while referring to the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal last year.

"The BJP leaders want their sons and daughters to study English but they want tribals to stay away... Congress will conduct a caste census in M.P."

RAHUL GANDHI
Congress leader

Repolling held at polling booth in Aizawl South

The Muallungthu polling station in Aizawl South-III constituency saw 87% of the 1,084 voters exercising their franchise in the repolling held on Friday, said officials.

The exercise was necessitated as voting personnel did not clear the mock poll at the polling station ahead of the voting on Tuesday. PTI

"The BRS has taken Telangana back by 10 years and left a financially surplus State with a debt of ₹5 lakh crore"

ANURAG THAKUR
Union Minister

With a rich political legacy, Bhojpur weighs up its options

Voters in this Madhya Pradesh constituency, once represented by late BJP stalwart Sunderlal Patwa, list the condition of roads, cash assistance for women, and the safeguarding of culture as key issues; while the BJP has fielded four-time MLA Surendra Patwa, the Congress is banking on Rajkumar Patel, an outsider, to clinch the constituency that is identified with the 11th-century Bhojeshwar temple

GROUND REPORT

Sandeep Phukan
BHOJPUR

The clouds of dust rising from the broken and potholed road that leads to the 11th-century Bhojeshwar temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, belie the political legacy and history of the Bhojpur constituency that is identified with the temple, a heritage site under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Barely 30 km from Bhopal, the Assembly seat was once represented by the late Sunderlal Patwa, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stalwart and former Chief Minister of undivided Madhya Pradesh. He is the only person ever to have defeated Congress leader Kamal Nath in a Lok Sabha election, in his bastion of Chhindwara in a 1997 byelection.

Even now, the Bhojpur Assembly seat is represented by Mr. Patwa's nephew and BJP MLA, Surendra Patwa, who is seeking a fourth term from here.

In 2018, the Congress fielded former Union Minister Suresh Pachouri because of his roots in Bhojpur, but he lost.

This time, the Congress has fielded an outsider – Rajkumar Patel, who is, ironically, from Budhni, the constituency of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Pressing issue: A dusty and damaged road leading to the Bhojeshwar temple. A.M.FARUQUI

Better roads needed

"Patel*ji* had come here last evening to seek support," says 26-year-old Rahul Jain, who works in a food stall just opposite the temple, which was built by Raja Bhoja. Mr. Jain takes care not to reveal his choice, but says, "There is a contest."

Asked if the poor roads could be an issue on the basis of which voters will decide, he says, "I don't know about votes, but better roads would certainly increase the number of tourists who come and that would improve our earnings."

Voters in the constituency are a mix of local residents, people working in nearby industrial units, farmers, and agricultural labourers.

Though there is no steady flow of pilgrims to the temple as regular puja is not conducted at the ASI-protected site, local residents make a living by selling religious statues, trinkets, and other curios to the tourists who come to the monument.

'Why vote for change?'

"Rajkumar Patel isn't from here and he had lost elections earlier," says Santosh Yadav, a 34-year-old resident associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). "The biggest issue is to protect our culture and pass on better values to our children. And that, only the BJP can do," he adds.

Mr. Yadav argues that the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government had delivered on the ground, with measures like the Ladli Behna scheme that offers a monthly cash assistance of over ₹1,000 to women and its pledge to provide LPG cylinders for ₹450.

If the presence of party flags in an area is an indication of strength, then the BJP leads by a long way. Almost every house has a BJP flag or poster on it, publicising promises like hiking the Ladli Behna allowance up to ₹3,000 a month.

"Why will anyone vote for a change when the BJP is giving us everything?"asks 69-year-old Gopal Lovanshi, a farmer from the area.

Congress's promises

Mr. Lovanshi's older friend, Heeralal, nods, but only in partial agreement. "It's true that all these schemes are being offered and many are getting them but there is a lot of corruption at lower levels," says the 75-year-old.

"I have run from pillar to post for my old age pension but I have not managed to get my papers sorted to get it," Mr. Heeralal adds.

Asked about the Kamal Nath government that lasted for just 15 months, Mr. Heeralal says, "They were not given a chance to continue. But within that short span, they did waive loans and my son has been a beneficiary."

Imaratbai, in her mid-60s, offers another reason to support the Opposition party. "The Congress has promised ₹1,500 to every woman unlike the Ladli Behna Yojana," she says, pointing to the upper ceiling of 60 years for eligibility under the Ladli Behna scheme.

BJP recognises and rewards discipline: Rathore

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The BJP "recognises and rewards discipline" and it is due to this realisation that the party has succeeded in getting many of its rebel candidates to stand down from contesting the Assembly election, former Union Minister and Jaipur (Rural) MP Rajyavardhan Rathore, who is contesting from Jhotwara in Rajasthan, told *The Hindu*.

A powerful rebel in Mr. Rathore's own constituency, Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, considered close to former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, withdrew his nomination on Thursday reportedly after receiving a phone call from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, assuring him of political accommodation in a post-poll scenario.

Mr. Rathore's earlier foray into the seat had not been easy with Mr. Shekhawat's supporters showing him black flags, but the former Army man and Olympic silver medallist diffused the ticking time bomb with help from the high command.

"I totally understand that people have personal aspiration and plans. But when you are part of a party cadre, you have to go according to discipline," Mr. Rathore said.

"Who knows? The denial of an opportunity now will open far bigger ones in the future as the BJP is known to recognise discipline and reward it as well; there are innumerable examples in our party," he said.

He said the announcement of his name as the BJP candidate from Jhotwara came as a surprise to him, but it is something that he has now taken to with relish. "I had no clue that I was being considered for the seat, but it is a big responsibility as an MLA is far more enmeshed with the executing agencies in the area, far more than an MP. Therefore, I think that if I hadn't been vested with the responsibility of fighting Assembly polls, a significant portion of my political education would have been incomplete," Mr. Rathore said.

Rajyavardhan Rathore

Much of the talk around the BJP's campaign has been about the lack of projection of a single face, namely that of Ms. Raje, as the chief ministerial candidate, but in Mr .Rathore's view, "everyone is past that situation".

"That was anyway something that was more alive in the media than anywhere else. The people of Rajasthan are past that, and are very much in tune with the collective leadership under Prime Minister Narendra Modi being offered by the BJP," he said.

"Prime Minister Modi and the lotus symbol [BJP's electoral symbol] is enough for the polls," he added.

'Congress abysmal'

"The Ashok Gehlot government has stained its record with abysmal performance with regard to law and order, corruption by his MLAs and government, which led to such situations as 19 instances of paper leak [leak of examination papers for various government jobs], which has also led to further unemployment," he said.

"Ashok Gehlot, for the past five years, because of the internal cleavage within the Congress between him and Sachin Pilot, has been on a purely survival mode, and allowed his MLAs to run amok, in order to ensure their loyalty to him. The result is that Rajasthan has regressed on all points, especially law and order and crimes against women," he said.

He said there was a massive anti-incumbency factor against the Congress MLAs in the State.

'Dalits, STs, minorities need a third political force'

AIMIM president says it will help them prosper; he terms Congress leader Rahul Gandhi 'as vindictive' as PM Narendra Modi

INTERVIEW

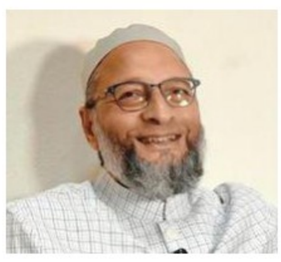
Asaduddin Owaisi

Syed Mohammed

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen president Asaduddin Owaisi speaks about his support for the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the Telangana Assembly election, the hypocrisy of the Congress, and how regional parties can strengthen marginalised communities. Edited excerpts:

How did your support for the BRS take shape?

I am of the opinion that Dalits, STs, and minorities require a third political force [referring to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi], apart from these two national parties [Congress and BJP]. These communities have prospered in the presence of a third force. Communal amity is strengthened. Take for example the case where a uniformed man on board a train killed three people in a terrorist act. One of the victims was from Hyderabad. Our MLA went to Mumbai and brought back his body. AIMIM MLAs demanded *ex gratia* and employment for the wife of the deceased. The government immediately released money, gave a two BHK apartment, and an appointment letter. The Rajasthan and Bihar governments gave nothing to the family of other two victims who belonged to those States. I have got a study done by experts that showed that 60% of Muslim children are anaemic in Rajasthan. Few are in middle school. In Chhattisgarh, they [Congress] are practising Hindutva. No one blames them. Rahul Gandhi is happy with Hindutva.



You supported Congress in the past and yet you have been criticising Rahul Gandhi.

AIMIM was supporting UPA, not Congress. You must remember that we opposed bifurcation [of Andhra Pradesh]. I opposed this in Parliament, and said it should be done in a proper way.

He [Rahul Gandhi] talks about [us] taking money. But he will not use such language for [Jyotiraditya] Scindia, with whom he went to Doon School, or against Jitin Prasada. Why is he focused on money so much? There are political differences. So, in my view, he is as vindictive as Mr. Narendra Modi. Because both of them don't tolerate dissent. For him, it is like what [former U.S. President] George Bush said after 9/11: "Either you are with us, or with them." When Uddhav Thackeray said in the Assembly that "we are proud Shiv Sainiks who demolished Babri, and brought back bricks", Ashok Chavan and Sharad Pawar were just sitting there. BJP is the notary shop of nationalism, and Congress is the notary shop of secularism. I have opposed BJP, I will oppose him [Mr. Gandhi] also.

Why hasn't the AIMIM fielded a woman candidate in the Telangana Assembly election?

I am not at all against women contesting elections. We are yet to find a strong candidate, not in the gender perspective but in an overall manner, and are grooming for politics seven or eight young women.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone (Unaudited) Period ended 30.09.2023	Consolidated (Unaudited) Period ended 30.09.2023
1	Total Income	302.01	299.65
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (before Exceptional Items)	30.51	(5.55)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional Items)	30.40	(5.66)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional Items)	26.18	(9.88)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	25.28	(10.78)
6	Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	758.54	706.96
8	Security Premium Account	-	-
9	Networth	769.56	717.98
10	Outstanding Debt	789.10	1,210.04
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.87	0.87
12	Debt Equity Ratio (including exceptional item)	1.02	1.67
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/- each) (not annualised) (In Rs.) (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	12.94 12.94	(4.89) (4.89)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE	
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE	
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.73	1.04
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	9.23	2.39
18	Current ratio (Times)	0.83	0.76
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable (Times)	-	-
21	Current Liability Ratio (Times)	0.68	0.57
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.38	0.49
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	7.79	8.76
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	4.33	3.72
25	Operating Margin (%)	15.60	7.95
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	8.71	(3.26)

Notes :

1 In accordance with the Composite Scheme of Arrangement approved by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench by an order dated March 6, 2023, the manufacturing business, along with its related assets and liabilities at the values appearing in the books of accounts of TVS Holdings Limited on the close of business hours as on August 10, 2023, was demerged, transferred and vested into the Company with effect from August 11, 2023.

2 The above Financial Results represents the activities of the Company from the effective date (11th August 2023) of demerger and vesting of the manufacturing business. In the previous year and prior to the Demerger and Vesting of the manufacturing business the Company had no business activity and accordingly, there are no results for the corresponding quarter and half year for the previous period and hence the same has not been disclosed. The consolidated revenue from operations is net of inter company transfer.

3 The record date, for determining the eligibility of the equity shareholders of TVS Holdings Limited, 24th August 2023 for allotting shares of the Company (Sundaram-Clayton Limited) in the ratio of 1 (One) fully paid up new equity share of Rs.5/- each of the Company for every 1 (One) equity share of Rs.5/- each of TVS Holdings Limited was fixed. Accordingly, the Company had allotted 2,02,32,104 equity shares to the eligible equity shareholders of TVS Holdings Limited.

4 Similarly, the eligible preference shareholders of the TVS Holdings Limited, were allotted preference shares of the Company (Sundaram-Clayton Limited) in the ratio of 1 (One) fully paid up new preference share of Rs.10/- each of the Company for every 1,000 (One Thousand) preference shares of Rs.10/- each of TVS Holdings Limited was fixed. Accordingly, the Company had allotted 8,73,032 preference shares to the eligible preference shareholders of TVS Holdings Limited.

5 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange website www.nseindia.com and on Company's website www.sundaram-clayton.com.

6 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited

Dr. Lakshmi Venu
Managing Director

Date : 10th November 2023

INBRIEF

Nitish Kumar's food laced with poison, claims Manjhi

Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi on Friday claimed that "poisonous substances" were being mixed in the food of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar by his close associates to dethrone him from the chair. Mr. Manjhi's startling statement came a day after Mr. Kumar had lost his cool against him for doubting the veracity of the caste-based survey report. "I want to emphasise that poisonous substances were being mixed in the food of Nitish Kumar to make someone else the Chief Minister as soon as possible. This is a conspiracy of someone and it is evident from several incidents in the past few days," he said without elaborating on the claim.

SC grants protection to two journalists from arrest

The Supreme Court on Friday granted protection from arrest to two journalists who have challenged the summons issued to them by the Gujarat Police in connection with a news article allegedly written by them on Adani Group. A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and P.K. Mishra directed the journalists to cooperate in the investigation and issued notice to the Gujarat government on the pleas filed by the duo. "Till next date of hearing, we direct that no coercive steps be taken against the petitioners, however, they should cooperate with the enquiry," it said. The court was hearing a plea filed by Benjamin Nicholas Brooke Parkin and Chloe Nina Cornish challenging the summons issued to them. PTI

Odd-even will keep 10 lakh vehicles off roads: govt.

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has told the Supreme Court that the odd-even rotation scheme will see 10 lakh vehicles off the national capital's roads, considerably reducing congestion and pollution in winter.

The government said the total number of vehicles registered, excluding electric cars, in Delhi are 20,74,194 as on November 8, 2023. An affidavit by the Delhi government quoted scientific reports that the odd-even scheme of vehicular pollution control was an "effective emergency measure which reduces 30% personal car traffic on the roads during winter months".

However, there was usually a proportionate increase in two-wheelers, autorickshaws, buses and taxis.

The government said app-based taxis could be restricted on the basis of fuel type/registration number during the scheme, but said a total ban on taxis registered outside of Delhi from entering the Capital was an undesirable proposition. "It is not desirable to totally restrict the outside Delhi registered taxis during odd-even scheme," it said.

Govt. schemes failing, says SC as rain brings respite to Delhi

Top court says odd-even scheme for vehicles does not help to curb air pollution, adds that stubble fires must stop even if 'somebody has to walk on coal'; tells governments to not rely on SC orders

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Giving profound thanks to the timely rain which washed the smog out of the capital's skies on Friday, the Supreme Court said that residents are left to pray for mercy even as government schemes to quell air pollution on the basis of reports, theories, and commissions have made little change in the ground situation.

"God may have provided some relief...must have heard our prayers in the morning... We are not looking at anything here but ground-level implementation," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, heading a three-judge Bench, observed.

The hearing, which seemed to coincide with the skies opening up, saw the Delhi government insisting on the efficacy of its odd-even scheme to control vehicular pollution in the city by reducing congestion on the capital's roads.

It said that the court's suggestion to ban app-based taxis registered outside Delhi from entering the capital may cause a problem for commuters.

Not clear: A view of Kartavya Path on Friday. Mild drizzle brought relief for people in Delhi-NCR from the smog. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

"Do not try to non-perform and shift the burden on the court. People are indeed affected. Odd-even does not help. It has not proved to help... You are now saying that you will implement the odd-even scheme and also impose the scheme on taxis... Did we ask you to implement odd-even of taxis? We did not ask you," Justice Kaul shot back.

The court said that it was left to the government to work out schemes to bring down the pollution, noting that the government could not depend on Supreme Court orders. "Meanwhile, what the population can do is pray," Justice Kaul said.

'Not just optics'

The court confronted the State's stand that the odd-even scheme was not mere "optics" and that it has led to a 13% reduction in pollution. "But not everybody will have two cars. Odd-even does not apply to two-wheelers. So, according to your scheme, a person should have two cars, one numbered odd and other even, or a car and a two-wheeler. That's your scheme. You do what you want," Justice Kaul told the State government.

Turning to the Union and the Punjab governments, the court said that stubble fires have to be stopped even if "somebody has to walk on coal" for that.

Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah said that the court could pass an order for officials to "work in the open without masks" to experience for themselves the real extent of the health problems created by stubble burning.

He even suggested "attaching the property" of the people who start fires despite warnings from the authorities. Justice Kaul, however, said that farmers too were part of society, responsible for its welfare. There was no point registering First Information Reports (FIRs) against violators, for they would be withdrawn eventually, he added.

The court asked the Centre, represented by Attorney General R. Venkataramani, about its suggestion to slowly phase out paddy from Punjab as a long-term measure to save its dipping water table and stop fires. Mr. Venkataramani said that such a step would affect the entire country and could not be considered in isolation.

I&B Ministry releases draft Broadcasting Services Bill

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Friday released the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2023, which aims to bring in a new regulatory framework in keeping with technological advancements in the sector.

The Ministry has invited feedback and comments on the draft Bill from stakeholders within 30 days from the date of its release.

"This pivotal legislation modernises our broadcasting sector's regulatory framework, replacing outdated Acts, Rules, and Guidelines with a unified, future-focused approach. It adapts to the dynamic world of OTT, Digital Media, DTH, IPTV, and more, promoting technological advancement and service evolution," I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said on X.

The draft Bill provides for a framework to regulate the broadcasting services in the country and seeks to replace the existing Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, and other policy guidelines currently governing the broadcasting sector in the country. The Bill comprises six Chapters, 48 Sections and three Schedules.

Bombay HC quashes FIR against Raj Thackeray

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday quashed an FIR and subsequent legal proceedings against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray who is accused of violating the model code of conduct before the 2010 civic polls.

A Division Bench of Justices Ajey Gadkari and Sharmila Deshmukh allowed the 2014 petition filed by the MNS head against the FIR registered under Section 188 (disobedience to order by a public servant) of the Indian Penal Code for violation of the notice.

According to the FIR, Mr. Thackeray visited Kalyan and Dombivali area in Mumbai for campaigning which was to be completed by September 29, 2010.

Tremors reveal gaps in emergency alert system

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

When tremors hit Delhi and surrounding areas following the 6.4 magnitude earthquake last week in Nepal and the 5.6 magnitude aftershock this Monday, the government and private early alert systems did not reach many of the people who could feel palpable tremors.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)'s Cell Broadcast Alert System (CBAS) has been tested in recent weeks to send out mass alerts when natural disasters strike, but it did not do so. Meanwhile, Google did not send out alerts in the national capital, even though tremors were felt in both instances here.

"The Android Earthquake Early Warning system supplements the government's efforts on earthquake alerts and aims to provide people with advance notice that can help them stay safe," a Google spokesperson said in response to queries from *The Hindu*, referring to the company's alert system for Android users in India, who account for the bulk of smartphone owners in the country.

In the aftermath: A building completely reduced to rubble in Nepal affter a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit the country last week. ANI

The spokesperson said earthquake alerts did go out immediately in many areas around the India-Nepal border, where the shaking was strongest, pointing to screenshots posted online by social media users in this region. The company says it warns users only if the shaking in their area can expect to cross a value of 3.5 on the Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI) Scale, a measurement of shaking during earthquakes that serves as an alternative to the Richter scale.

At an MMI value of three ("weak" shaking), the United States Geological Service's description of the scale says that tremors are felt "quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings," and at four ("light" shaking), the tremors are felt "indoors by many, outdoors by a few".

The tremors in both cases, in New Delhi, appear to have been in the lower end of these two MMI values, meaning Google did not send alerts to everyone who felt shaking, as the intensity did not seem as risky in places like Delhi.

As for the CBAS, which is the alert system that works through telecom operators, no alerts went out anywhere in North India, even in places near the Nepal border where shaking was intense.

No answer from NDMA

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) did not respond to queries on why the system did not alert residents in the areas where tremors were felt. Sample alerts have been tested by the NDMA in partnership with telecom companies and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) over the last few months, with many users reporting that they received sample broadcasting messages for emergencies.

"Common applications of Cell Broadcast include delivering emergency alerts such as severe weather warnings (eg, Tsunamis, Flash Floods, Earthquakes), public safety messages, evacuation notices, and other critical information," the Union government said in a press release about these sample messages in September.

Even for users who sought official information while the tremors were under way, the nation's top authority stuttered online – the seismo.gov.in website operated by the Ministry of Earth Sciences's National Centre for Seismology crashed moments after the tremors – with the website likely unable to handle the sudden surge in traffic when information on the tremors was needed the most.

Aadhaar verification downtime very low, says Union Minister

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Aadhaar authentication downtime represented only 0.85% of the year till September, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on X on Friday. Mr. Chandrasekhar was responding to *The Hindu*'s news article that reported that Aadhaar authentication services have been down for a collective 54 hours and 33 minutes in 2023 till September.

"Over a total of 266 days and total use time of 6,384 hrs, these glitches of 54 [hours] 33 mins spread over 266 days as reported by @UIDAI represent only 0.85% glitches and 99.15% of uptime," Mr. Chandrasekhar said, referring to the Unique Identification Authority of India, which administers the Aadhaar programme.

System upgrades

"Some of this very small downtime/glitches were planned for system upgrades and even during these very limited downtimes, other means of authentication were always available to authenticating agencies," Mr. Chandrasekhar added, posting screenshots of the Right to Information response provided to *The Hindu* by the Aadhaar agency.

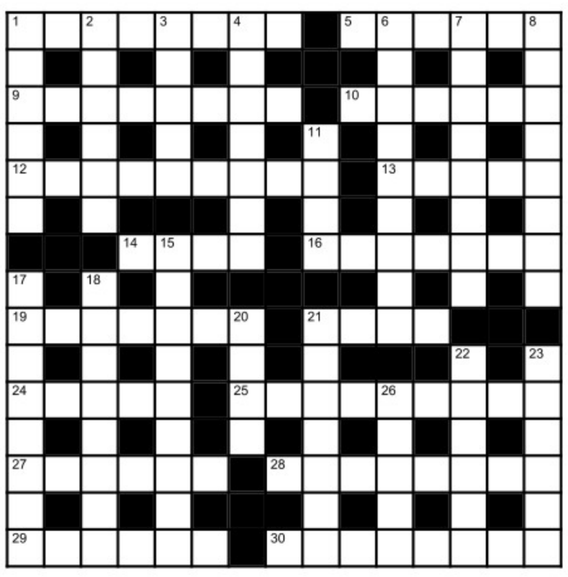
The Hindu had approached the UIDAI for a comment on this data on Tuesday. However, the agency did not provide a response. Aadhaar authentications have been done 100 billion times since the 12-digit resident identifier was launched.

TH CROSSWORD + 14018

(set by KrisKross)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site. @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

SCAN TO PLAY



Across

1 Suffering blow... after removing clothes, put something cold as dressing (8)
5 English referee dismissed from United Kingdom (6)
9 Poor reason to tour American city (8)
10 Girl adores clothing accessories (6)
12 Charm husband to do some gardening, gathering fresh roses (9)
13 Island nation's leader executed in a hostile manner (5)
14 Don't hit young girl (4)
16 American about to slurp soup that is left over (7)
19 Wrongly name a plant (7)
21 Problem over martial art form (4)
24 Spirit is quietly enthralled by quaint hymn (5)
25 Telephonic survey on safe sporting event (4,5)
27 Straight four, perhaps (6)
28 Throbbing, grim ache…head splitting excruciatingly at first (8)
29 Base in rickety chair is causing more pain (6)
30 Faculty I spot in the auditorium (8)

Down

1 Fix player's initial match (6)
2 Develop fun, naughty website (6)
3 Prime hotel covered in ash, say (5)
4 & 11 They provide online support for wearables (7,4)
6 Fighter aircraft carrying harmful stuff - a small quantity (9)
7 Bishop dies, believing devious trick (8)
8 Author's novel is set to film, for example (8)
11 See 4
15 One got up disturbed by horrible horn - it's a steam engine (4,5)
17 Train manages to transport oil - essentially, it's required to go smoothly (8)
18 Wine is extremely reduced, say (8)
20 Show some complex possibilities (4)
21 UK silly to fight in an unsporting fashion (7)
22 Making a face, missing start in picnic (6)
23 Way of cryptic setter (6)
26 Primarily very intelligent, resourceful undercover secret agent (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Deepavali and devotion

Deepavali is a very old festival. Traditionally, some festivals are native to the south and few others to other regions. However, Deepavali is one festival that is celebrated uniformly by everyone.

It also contains the most significant message of devotion and divine consciousness, said Tiruvidaimarudur Brahmasri Nidhiswara Shrowthigal in a discourse.

Also celebrated as Naraka Chaturdasi, the festival came into effect due to the express desire of Narakasura, the asura king who was vanquished by Krishna and Satyabhama.

Having had a long reign, Narakasura continued to wreak havoc on all, both humans and devas, and his death is symbolic of the evil forces within us.

Only by surrendering to the Supreme and by developing God consciousness can one be free of the cycle of birth. The *diyas* (deepams) lit on this day signify dispelling ignorance with the light of devotion.

Why do our elders say '*taile Lakshmeeh jale gangaa deepavalyah chaturdasheem*" on Deepavali? On this chaturdasi day, it is believed that Lakshmi exists in oil and Ganga in the warm water and hence one should rise early, pray to Lakshmi with hands above one's head and purify oneself with the waters of the Ganga, before sunrise.

TEHRAN

Expansion of Israel-Hamas war 'inevitable': Iran's Foreign Minister

AFP

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said to his Qatari counterpart, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani in a phone call, on Friday that expansion of the Israel-Hamas war has become "inevitable", amid widespread concern in the region and beyond that the conflict could spread. AFP

OTTAWA

Canada police probe video warning not to fly Air India

AP

Canada's federal police are investigating a warning in videos circulating online not to fly Air India starting on November 19, the transportation minister said on Thursday. The videos, posted online in the last week, feature Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the general counsel for the U.S.-based Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). AFP

YANGON

Northern Myanmar clash displaces almost 50,000 civilians, says UN

AP

Almost 50,000 people have been displaced by fighting in northern Myanmar after an alliance of ethnic armed groups launched an offensive against the military two weeks ago, the UN said on Friday. Fighting has raged across northern Shan state in what analysts say poses the biggest challenge to the junta since 2021. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. approves first vaccine against chikungunya virus for those over 18

AP

U.S. health authorities on Thursday approved the world's first vaccine for chikungunya, a virus spread by infected mosquitoes. The vaccine, developed by Europe's Valneva which will be marketed under the name Ixchiq, was approved for people 18 and over who are at risk of exposure, the Food and Drug Administration said. AFP

'Israel strikes target Gaza's largest hospital compound'

Al-Shifa hospital chief Mohammad Abu Salmiya says two people were killed and 10 wounded in a strike that he said hit its maternity ward; Israel says it killed dozens of militants in the operation

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

Palestinians said a deadly strike on Friday hit Gaza's largest hospital compound as medical facilities sheltering tens of thousands were caught in intense combat between Israel and Hamas.

Gaza's Hamas government, which reported a death toll of 13, and the director of Gaza City's Al-Shifa hospital blamed Israeli forces for the strike. Israel did not immediately comment.

Al-Shifa hospital director Mohammad Abu Salmiya reported two people were killed and 10 wounded in a strike that he said hit the compound's maternity ward.

A Hamas government statement added that dozens were wounded in an Israeli strike on the hospital compound. On Thursday, Israel reported heavy fighting near the hospital, saying it had killed dozens of militants and destroyed tunnels that are key to Hamas's capacity to fight.

Widespread destruction: Smoke rises as Palestinians take shelter at Al-Shifa hospital during an Israeli attack, in Gaza City. REUTERS

'No safe place'

"There is no safe place left. The Army hit Al-Shifa. I don't know what to do," said 32-year-old Abu Mohammad, who was among those seeking refuge at the hospital. "There is shooting... at the hospital. We are afraid to go out."

The Israeli Army has repeatedly accused Hamas of using hospitals, particularly Al-Shifa, to coordinate their attacks against the Army and also as hideouts for its commanders. Hamas authorities deny the accusations.

Witnesses said hundreds of people sheltering at Gaza City's Al-Rantisi hospital fled on instruction from the Israeli military, which was surrounding it with armoured vehicles.

As the fighting raged in Gaza, air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv, while Hamas's military wing said it targeted the Israeli commercial hub with rockets. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The war in the densely populated coastal territory, which is effectively sealed off, has prompted repeated calls for a ceasefire to protect civilian lives and allow in more humanitarian aid. Tens of thousands of people have fled to the south of the territory in recent days, often on foot and with only the things the could carry.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly rejected halting the fighting.

Gaza 'carnage simply must stop': top UN aid official

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

The United Nations has called for an end to the carnage afflicting war-torn Gaza during Israel's military campaign, according to a top UN aid official's comments released on Friday.

"The present course chosen by the Israeli authorities will not bring the peace and stability that both Israelis and Palestinians want and deserve," Philippe Lazzarini, head of the United Nations' agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), wrote in a media opinion piece.

"Razing entire neighbourhoods to the ground is not an answer for the egregious crimes committed by Hamas. To the contrary, it is creating a new generation of aggrieved Palestinians who are likely to continue the cycle of violence. The carnage simply must stop." More than 10,800 people, majority also civilians, have been killed in Israeli strikes.

Biden, Xi to hold talks next week in San Francisco: U.S.

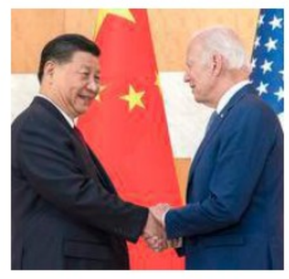
Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping face-to-face for the first time in a year on Wednesday, the White House said, in high-stakes diplomacy aimed at curbing tensions between the world's two superpowers.

The closely watched interaction, on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the San Francisco Bay area, could last hours and involve teams of officials from Beijing and Washington.

It is expected to cover global issues from the Israel-Hamas war to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea's ties with Russia, Taiwan, the Indo-Pacific, human rights, fentanyl, Artificial Intelligence, as well as "fair" trade and economic relations, senior Biden administration officials said.

"Nothing will be held back; everything is on the table," according to one U.S. official, who declined to be named, in a briefing with reporters. "We're clear-eyed about this. We know efforts to shape or reform China over several decades have failed. But we expect China to be around and to be a major player on the world stage for the rest of our lifetimes."



U.S. President Joe Biden, right, and Chinese President Xi Jinping meeting in Nov. 2022.

Ideological differences

U.S. officials, who have been pushing for the meeting for the better part of a year, believe Beijing has actively been working to undermine U.S. policy around the world.

The White House confirmed the day of the meeting in a statement on Friday. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Friday that Mr. Xi would visit the U.S. between Nov. 14-17, attend the APEC summit and meet with Mr. Biden.

Mr. Biden and Mr. Xi will speak across oceans of ideological difference for the first time since November 2022. The U.S. President's team engineered a diplomatic blitz to repair hostile relations after Mr. Biden ordered the shooting down of a suspected Chinese spy balloon that transited U.S. skies in February.

A main result is expected to be greater diplomacy - promises to talk more on key issues, including on climate, global health, economic stability, counter-narcotic efforts and potentially the resumption of some military-to-military channels after a high-level freeze.

Both sides may make modest gestures of goodwill to ease talks, according to two other people briefed on the discussions.

Bangladesh PM rejects further pay hike after garment worker protests

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has rejected any further pay hikes for protesting garment workers demanding a nearly tripled wage increase, after violent clashes with police and factories were ransacked.

Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85% of its $55 billion in annual exports, supplying many of the world's top brands including Levi's, Zara and H&M.

A government-appointed panel raised wages on Tuesday by 56.25% to 12,500 taka ($113) for the South Asian nation's garment factory workers, who were demanding a 23,000 taka minimum wage in all plants.

"I would say to the garment workers: they have to work with whatever their salary is increased, they should continue their work," Ms. Hasina told a meeting of her ruling Awami League party late on Thursday.

Under watch: Police personnel standing guard along a street as garment workers and activists protest in Dhaka on Friday. AFP

The protests have left at least three workers dead and more than 70 factories ransacked since last week, according to police.

"If they take to the streets to protest at someone's instigation, they will lose their job, lose their work and will have to return to their village," the Prime Minister added.

A union leader, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Ms. Hasina's speech had created a "climate of fear" in the industry, warning it had given security forces permission to crack down further on protests. Police have arrested more than 100 protesters including several union leaders over charges of violence and vandalising factories.

Philippines, China ships in new confrontation

Associated Press
MANILA

Chinese and Philippine vessels engaged in a new confrontation in the South China Sea on Friday, with Manila charging that a Chinese Coast Guard ship and accompanying vessels conducted dangerous manoeuvres and blasted a Philippine supply ship with a water cannon in disputed waters.

China responded that it acted appropriately under maritime law to defend what it says is its territory.

The incident was the latest in a series of maritime confrontations between the two nations over territorial disputes that risk turning into more serious armed engagements.

Tensions have risen recently as China has blockaded an isolated Philippine marine outpost on Second Thomas Shoal, also known as Ayungin Shoal. The marines are based on a rusted old warship that the Philippine Navy grounded deliberately in 1999 to bolster its territorial claim.

Last month, a Chinese coast guard ship and an accompanying vessel rammed a Philippine coast guard ship and a military-run supply boat near the contested shoal, according to Philippine officials. China accused the Philippine vessels of trespassing in what it said were Chinese waters "without authorisation" despite repeated radio warnings.

A Philippine government task force dealing with the South China Sea said on Friday that vessels belonging to China's Coast Guard and its paramilitary Maritime Militia "recklessly harassed, blocked and executed dangerous manoeuvres in another attempt to illegally impede or obstruct a routine resupply and rotation mission".

Prince Harry's lawsuit against *Daily Mail* publisher can go to trial: judge

Associated Press
LONDON

A lawsuit by Prince Harry, Elton John and five other public figures accusing a newspaper publisher of using private detectives and listening devices to illegally snoop on them should go to a full trial, a British judge ruled on Friday.

Judge Matthew Nicklin rejected a bid by the publisher of the *Daily Mail* to dismiss the case without trial, saying defence lawyers had not delivered a "knockout blow" to the claimants' case.

The claimants, who include John's husband David Furnish and actors Elizabeth Hurley and Sadie Frost, accuse publisher Associated Newspapers Ltd. of unlawfully gathering information by bugging homes and cars, and using deceit to obtain medical records. The judge rejected the publisher's argument that the case should be dismissed because the claims had not been brought within six years of the alleged offence.

The case is one of several lawsuits brought in the U.K. by Mr. Harry, who has made it a personal mission to tame Britain's tabloid press. He blames the British media for the death of his mother, Princess Diana, who was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997 while being pursued by paparazzi.

Government of Gujarat
Narmada, Water Resource,
Water Supply & Kalpsar Department, Gandhinagar
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.19 of 2023- 24(Tender ID-20597)

(1) Name of work:	Providing and installing of CCTV Surveillance System, Fire Safety Arrangements, Boom Barrier, IPBX & Communication System, Walky-Talky & Access Control System and related Works including AMC at Panam Dam.(IVth Attempt)
(2) Estimated Cost:	Rs.84,93,366.72
(3) Pre-Bid Meeting (Off line)	Dt.28/11/2023 @ 12.00 Hrs.
(4) Last Date/Time for receipt of tender (ON LINE)	Dt.08/12/2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.
(5) Name & Address of the Executive Engineer Concerned:	Ex.Engr. Irri. Mech. Division No.1, E-814, Kuber Bhavan Kothi Compound, Raopura, Vadodara-390001 (Gujarat) Ph.No. 0265-2427833 FAX No.0265-2429170

6) Further details can be downloaded from www.nwrtender.nprocure.com and also seen on Information & Broadcasting Department's website www.statetenders.gujarat.gov.in Any kind of amendments will be published only online & it will be consider final & binding to all bidders.

(INF-VAD-1018-23-24)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-II, CHANDIKHOLE
Email ID :- seec2chandikhole@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-II 07 OF 2023-24(On-line)

1.	Name of the Works	:	1 Construction of 4nos. new Bed bar & renovation of 4nos. old spurs including launching apron from RD 1.85km to 1.405 & RD 1.415 km to 1.835 km on Dasamouzi gherry left wing on river Nuna near village Gopinathpur in Mahakalapada block of Kendrapara district. 2 Improvement to left bank service road from Vedi sahi to Hirabanka of Distributary No.-1 A of GE canal. 3 Protection to scoured bank of Brahmani right on Baragaon saline embankment from RD 4450 m to 4940m in Rajnagar Block of Kendrapada district. 4 Protection to scoured bank on Gobari left of Radhia kansar saline embankment near village Radhia from RD 3100 m to 3620 m & RD 17600 m to 17810 m. 5 Scoured bank protection and restoration to kelua left embankment from village Rahadharpur to Mohanpur. 6 Scoured bank protection and restoration to kelua right embankment from village Mirzapur to Kadampala. 7 Scoured bank protection & restoration to Brahmani right embankment from Immamnagar to Gokarneswar Temple near village Deulipal. 8 Scoured bank protection to Chandrasekharpur Anyashpur OAE & Baripal Gherry on Brahmani left with construction of seven Nos. Bed bar.
2.	Total No. of Packages	:	08 (Eight) Nos. Individual Packages.
3.	Tender Cost	:	1. Rs. 666.39 Lakh (Approximately); 2. Rs. 249.87 Lakh (Approximately); 3. Rs. 798.06 Lakh (Approximately); 4. Rs. 838.06 Lakh (Approximately); 5. Rs. 377.58 Lakh (Approximately); 6. Rs. 381.64 Lakh (Approximately); 7. Rs. 491.28 Lakh (Approximately); 8. Rs. 486.53 Lakh (Approximately);
4.	Cost of Bid Document (Non Refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (On-line payment) for each Package
5.	Bid Security	:	1. Rs.6,66,400/-; 2. Rs.2,49,900/- ; 3. Rs 7,98,100/-; 4. Rs 8,38,100/-; 5. Rs 3,77,600/-; 6. Rs 3,81,700/- ; 7. Rs 4,91,300/-; 8. Rs 4,86,600/-.
6.	Class of Contractor	:	1. "A" &"Special" for Package No.-1,3 & 4; 2. "B" &"A" for Package No.-2 ; 3. "A" for Package No.- 5, 6,7 & 8.
7.	Period of Completion	:	1. 12 (Twelve) calendar months for all packages

8. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle - II, Chandikhole	ACE, EC-II KID16 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II KID 17 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II AUL08 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II AUL 09 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II JKID14 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II JKID15 OF 2023-24; ACE, EC-II JKID16 OF 2023-24 ; ACE, EC-II JKID17 OF 2023-24.	18/11/2023 at 10 A.M	04/12/2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	05/12/2023 at 11.30 A.M.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(REBID-1)

Urban Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand has applied for a loan from Asian Development Bank for financing the **Uttarakhand Integrated & Resilient Urban Development Project-Additional Financing (UIRUDP-AF), in the State of Uttarakhand.** The Project involves development of urban infrastructure facilities like 24X7 Water Supply, Wastewater Management including Road Restoration in the proposed Project and intends to a pply part of the proceeds for works.

The **"Program Director"** Uttarakhand Urban Sector Development Agency (UUSDA), Government of Uttarakhand' (the Employer) invites online bids through the Uttarakhand state e-procurement portal **https://uktenders. gov.in,** from eligible Bidders for the design,execution,commissioning,and O&M of the work as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of Work	Package No.	Invitation of Bid No.	Last Date & Time of Submission
1.	**WS-TNK-01: Development of Water Supply System with 18 years O&M, at Tanakpur, in Uttarakhand.**	**DBO-02**	**UIRUDP-AF/OCB-N/ DBO-02/2023-24**	**28th November 2023 till 03:00 PM (15:00 Hrs.)**

Date of publication of bid document	10.11.2023 at 03:00 PM, (15:00 Hrs.)
Bid document may be uploaded from	21.11.2023 at 03:00 PM, (15:00 Hrs.)
Last Date/Time for downloading of the bid document	28.11.2023 at 02:30 PM, (14:30 Hrs.)

The prospective bidders can download the detailed bid document in the prescribed format and upload the bid on the website, **https://uktenders.gov.in.** Program Director, UUSDA reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals or to cancel the entire process without assigning any reason thereof. Further details of the bid document including subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be downloaded from the website **https://uktenders.gov.in.**

Program Director
UUSDA

"हमारा संकल्प आपका सहयोग बेहतर कल"

INBRIEF

ED seizes $3 mn property from Hero MotoCorp's Munjal

The Enforcement Directorate has seized property worth about ₹249.5 million ($3 million) belonging to Hero MotoCorp Chairman Pawan Munjal in relation to an ongoing money laundering investigation, the agency said on Friday. The ED said it seized three properties in New Delhi, under provisions of The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. This takes the total value of seizures and attachments in the case to about ₹500 million, it added. REUTERS

Coal India net profit rises 12.5% to ₹6,799 crore in Q2

Coal India on Friday reported a 12.5% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹6,799.77 crore for the September quarter on account of higher sales. Net profit stood at ₹6,043.55 crore in the year-earlier period, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated sales increased to ₹29,978.01 crore from ₹27,538.59 crore a year earlier. However, total expenses rose 9.3% in Q2 of the current fiscal to ₹26,000.05 crore from ₹23,770.12 crore in the year-earlier period. PTI

Elgi Equipments posts 9% growth in consolidated sales

Consolidated sales of Elgi Equipments, manufacturer of air compressors, for the second quarter of 2023-2024 grew 9% to ₹806 crore from ₹739 crore in the year-earlier period. Profit after tax stood at ₹91.3 crore compared with ₹72 crore during the same period of the last fiscal. MD Jairam Varadaraj said the topline growth was driven by volume and price. "We will grow [this year]... but, probably less than what we thought at the beginning of the year," he added.

Sept. IIP growth falls to 5.8%

Industrial output growth slid to a three-month low in September from a 14-month high of 10.3% in August; nine out of 23 segments saw drops in output in September as against seven in August

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's industrial output growth slid to a three-month low of 5.8% in September from a 14-month high of 10.3% in August, with manufacturing growth halving to 4.5% from the 9.3% recorded in the previous month.

Consumption demand appeared weak with consumer durables' production rising just 1% while non-durables' production grew 2.7% in September, despite a beneficial base effect from last year when both segments tanked by 5.5% and 5.7%, respectively.

Disappointing growth

An unfavourable base, excess rainfall and a shift in the festival calendar caused a fall in industrial output in September

- Consumption demand appeared to be weak in September with the production of consumer durables rising just 1%
- The furniture and apparel segments were the worst hit, declining by a sharp 20.2% and 17.9%, respectively
- Most economists expected September's Index of Industrial Production or IIP to reflect much sharper growth

Electricity and mining growth also moderated to 9.9% and 11.5%, respectively. Spliced on the basis of usage, primary goods grew the fastest at 8%, cooling from 12.4% in August, followed by infrastructure and construction goods that were up 7.5% and capital goods, which rose 7.4%. Intermediate goods output grew 5.8%. While only seven of 23 manufacturing sectors had clocked a contraction in August, nine segments saw drops in output in September, led by furniture (-20.2%). The apparel segment contracted 17.9%, worse than the 17.1% decline clocked in August.

Overall industrial output is up 6% in the first half of this year, with mining up 8.7%, electricity 6.1% and manufacturing 5.7%. Most economists expected September's Index of Industrial Production, or, IIP to reflect sharper growth.

ICRA's chief economist Aditi Nayar, who had estimated an 8% uptick, said the numbers were influenced by an unfavourable base, a shift in the festive calendar and excess rainfall in September.

Net direct tax collections at ₹10.6 lakh crore; nears 60% of target

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's net direct tax collections grew 21.8% to ₹10.6 lakh crore by November 9, with personal income tax revenue rising 31.8% and corporate taxes increasing 12.5% from the year-earlier period.

Tax refunds

About ₹27,000 crore of tax refunds were remitted to taxpayers over the past month, taking the total refunds for the year so far to ₹1.77 lakh crore.

The pace of growth in the net direct tax kitty was 21.8% a month ago as well, indicating the momentum is sustaining.

The net income tax collection so far is 58.15% of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for 2023-24 and the provisional figures continue to register steady growth, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Friday. Gross direct tax collections stood at ₹12.37 lakh crore by Thursday, 17.6% higher than the year-earlier period. Within this number, Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and Personal Income Tax (PIT) grew 7.13% and 28.3%, respectively. Combined with the Securities Transaction Tax, or STT, personal tax collection rose 28%.

"After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in CIT collections is 12.48% and that in PIT collections is 31.77% (PIT only) and 31.26% (PIT including STT)," the CBDT said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	64,905	0.11
US Dollar	83.28	0.01
Gold	61,200	0.41
Brent oil	81.19	0.28

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2205.10	-9.55
Adani Ports	808.60	2.40
Apollo Hosp	5278.50	-19.10
Asian Paints	3076.45	-3.75
Axis Bank	1029.20	7.30
Bajaj Auto	5392.05	-26.85
Bajaj Finserv	1596.00	13.75
Bajaj Finance	7444.80	58.10
Bharti Airtel	935.50	3.15
BPCL	384.05	0.50
Britannia Ind	4681.95	29.85
Cipla	1240.10	1.95
Coal India	323.40	-0.15
Divis Lab	3493.20	-5.30
Dr Reddys Lab	5424.90	-33.05
Eicher Motors	3540.75	-1.15
Grasim Ind	1943.00	8.00
HCL Tech	1255.45	-12.05
HDFC Bank	1491.50	5.85
HDFC Life	626.75	5.40
Hero MotoCorp	3105.20	-68.70
Hindalco	481.30	-3.15
Hind Unilever	2486.55	9.85
ICICI Bank	938.60	1.25
IndusInd Bank	1498.80	-8.55
Infosys	1368.85	-5.95
ITC	436.55	2.15
JSW Steel	754.75	3.90
Kotak Bank	1745.45	0.50
L&T	3033.25	8.40
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5262.15	7.45
M&M	1524.10	-27.95
Maruti Suzuki	10388.80	-11.55
NestleIndia	24137.20	-89.55
NTPC	242.75	4.80
ONGC	195.90	3.20
PowerGrid Corp	211.15	1.35
Reliance Ind	2314.90	4.35
SBI Life	1355.40	4.70
State Bank	579.50	1.15
Sun Pharma	1179.35	3.15
TataConsumerProduct	912.70	9.85
Tata Motors	651.05	1.70
Tata Steel	120.05	0.40
TCS	3333.45	-14.00
Tech Mahindra	1138.15	14.20
Titan	3256.35	-27.40
UltraTech Cement	8710.85	83.80
UPL	547.15	-3.25
Wipro	379.30	-1.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.14	83.46
Euro	88.75	89.09
British Pound	101.55	101.95
Japanese Yen (100)	54.89	55.10
Chinese Yuan	11.40	11.45
Swiss Franc	92.18	92.55
Singapore Dollar	61.11	61.36
Canadian Dollar	60.18	60.42
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.73
Australian Dollar	52.84	53.05

Source:Indian Bank

LIC Q2 net profit halves on lower premium income

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

State-owned insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) on Friday reported a 50% fall in net profit at ₹7,925 crore for the quarter ended September 30, on lower income.

The country's biggest insurer had a net profit of ₹15,952 crore in the year-ago period. LIC's total income declined to ₹2,01,587 crore, compared with ₹2,22,215 crore in the year-ago period, LIC said in a regulatory filing.

However, net income from investments rose to ₹93,942 crore, compared with ₹84,104 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

LIC's solvency margin also increased to 1.90%, compared with 1.88% in the same quarter in 2022-23.

Gross non-performing assets ratio eased to 2.43% from 5.60% in the same period a year ago.

As part of a move to boost its profitability after a change in its accounting policy, LIC transferred ₹6277 crore from its non-participating fund to a shareholders' fund for the latest quarter, the company said, emphasizing that therefore, the results were not comparable.

The company said LIC earned the highest-ever half-yearly profit after tax at ₹17,469 crore, compared with ₹16,635 crore in the same period a year ago.

Sundaram Brake Linings turns profit of ₹2.86 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundaram Brake Linings Ltd. has posted standalone net profit of ₹2.86 crore for the September quarter against a loss of ₹3.64 crore in the year-earlier period.

Revenue from operations contracted to ₹85 crore from ₹87 crore, the company said in a filing. Cost of materials consumed declined to ₹46 crore from ₹55 crore. For the half year, the company posted profit of ₹6 crore against a loss of ₹4 crore.

PSU reinsurer GIC Re H1 net slides 8% to ₹2,337 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Public sector reinsurer GIC Re reported net profit for the half-year ended September slid 8% from the year-earlier period to ₹2,336.87 crore.

Gross premium income rose to ₹19,679.85 crore from ₹19,122.45 crore. Underwriting loss surged to ₹3,029.04 crore from ₹1,696.07 crore. Investment income stood at ₹5,555.91 crore (₹5,096.75 crore). Total assets were at ₹1,67,640.89 crore compared with ₹1,53,384.76 crore a year earlier.

Consolidated net profit was down 9% and stood at ₹2,666.60 crore. Consolidated gross premium income stood at ₹19,962.02 crore (₹19,367.00 crore).

M&M Q2 net falls 15% to ₹2,348 crore as Tech Mahindra drags

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

M&M's auto business reported its highest quarterly sales volume ever at 2,12,078 units

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. reported second quarter consolidated net profit declined 15% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹2,348 crore due to a drag in Tech Mahindra's performance. The company's consolidated revenue for the quarter, however, grew 15% YoY to ₹34,436 crore.

On a standalone basis, the company reported a 67% growth in second quarter net profit at ₹3,452 crore, led by robust performance of its auto business.

"Mahindra & Mahindra Group delivered a robust operating performance across all businesses, except Tech Mahindra," according to a statement released by the company.

Mahindra reported its highest-ever quarterly sales volume at 2,12,078 units, up 18%. With SUV bookings at 2,86,000 units the company is working to minimise waiting time.

Anish Shah, CEO, M&M Ltd., at a press conference said, "During Q2, operating performance across Auto, Farm and Services was robust. Auto rapidly grew to double its operating profit. Farm continues to be resilient despite tough market conditions."

SAIL turns ₹1,305 crore profit in Q2

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Steel giant SAIL on Friday returned to black, posting a consolidated net profit of ₹1,305.59 crore for September quarter 2023-24, as higher sales volumes led to increased income.

The company had incurred ₹329.36 crore net loss during July-September period a year earlier, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) said in a regulatory filing. Total income rose to ₹29,858.19 crore from ₹26,642.02 crore in the year-earlier quarter.

Expenses were at ₹27,768.52 crore as against ₹27,200.79 crore in the same quarter a year earlier. Crude steel production rose to 4.80 million tonnes (MT) from 4.30 MT in July-September 2022.

As output, shipments slide, Indian tea exporters explore new global markets

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

India's depressed tea shipments in FY23 on global turmoil has a silver lining with exporters making inroads into new markets, which were not explored in the past.

Iraq, Turkey and Jordan have emerged as the new destinations for tea exports where Indian tea is replacing Sri Lanka's, said S. B. Shah, chairman of leading tea exporter Shah Brothers.

Mr. Shah said exporters had taken huge risks to enter these markets and shipments were likely to pick up from next year onward.

The Association of Tea Auctioneers holding manual auction of orthodox tea.

Industry sources said tea exports dropped by almost 10% during FY23 as India had been facing challenges in some of the traditional markets, including Iran. Tea exports had registered almost 15% growth in FY22 at 226.98 million kg.

Mr. Shah said tea auction prices and exports stayed depressed this year due to geopolitical tensions, particularly because of the war in West Asia and Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Auctioneers set up ATA

In another development, tea auctioneers from across the country came together to set up the Association of Tea Auctioneers, (ATA) which will work for the smooth functioning of the auctioning system in the country.

The Indian Tea Auction System sells about 40% of all the tea produced in the country with the auctioneers playing a major role.

According to the ATA, the association will promote the welfare and safeguard the rights and interests of the tea auctioneers in North and South India and deal with all matters that concerns auctioneers and the auction process in India.

While manual auction of tea has been replaced with an electronic counterpart since 2008-09, the ATA held a ceremonial, manual auction of about 650 lots of Assam orthodox tea totalling 3.60 lakh kg.

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PROCLAMATION OF SALE BY AUCTION

The undermentioned movable properties attached by the Income Tax Department will be sold by public auction through e-auction by M/s MSTC Limited (Auction No.34053) on behalf of Income Tax Department on **"as is where is and what is there is basis"** for recovery of the certificate debt of Rs.308,48,72,049/- due as on 10/11/2023 for the AY 2012-13 to 2018-19 from Shri Sukash Chandrasekharan.

Lot No.	Description of property to be sold	Lot No.	Description of property to be sold
01	BMW M-5, Regn No. PY-01-CM-6000 **Reserve Price – Rs.18,79,316/-**	02	Toyota Prado, Regn. No. TN-05-AJ-9199 **Reserve Price – Rs.22,50,347/-**
03	Range Rover, Regn No. TN-01-BD-0007 **Reserve Price – Rs.44,43,812/-**	04	Lamborghini, Regn. No. DL-2F-GX-06 **Reserve Price – Rs.38,52,424/-**
05	Jaguar XKR Coupe, Regn. No. PY-01-CG-6688 **Reserve Price – Rs.31,07,458/-**	06	Rolls Royce, Regn. No. DL-3C-AY-4199 **Reserve Price – Rs.1,74,77,008/-**
07	Ducati Diavel, Regn. No. OD-33-G-1786 **Reserve Price – Rs.3,56,237/-**	08	Bentley, Regn. No. DL-4C-AP-9009 **Reserve Price – Rs.83,35,734/-**
09	Innova Crysta, Regn. No. KL-07-CG-5020 **Reserve Price – Rs.11,89,930/-**	10	Toyota Fortuner, Regn. No. TN-47-AM-5585 **Reserve Price – Rs.15,31,173/-**
11	Nissan Teana, Regn. No. TN-21-AU-3217 **Reserve Price – Rs.2,03,118/-**	12	Porsche, Regn. No. WB-02-Y-2345 **Reserve Price – Rs.5,08,880/-**

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1.	Provision of Indoor and outdoor signaling arrangements at Arakkonam Junction station in Chennai division in connection with 3rd and 4th line connectivity to Road 1&2 of Arakkonam yard

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COURSE CORRECTION

We are not able to finish well, will work on that: Babar

AFP

Pakistan has made just one World Cup semifinal since the final in 1999, but Babar Azam is unfazed. "We played in the final [T20 World Cup 2022]. We haven't done well this World Cup or the last, but you can't say since '99. We were No.1 [ODIs] and played positive cricket. We are not able to finish well. We will work on that."

AT A CROSSROADS

I don't know what my future holds, says Malan

RITU RAJ KONWAR

England batter Dawid Malan, 36, hinted that the World Cup match against Pakistan could be his last for his country. "I don't know what my future holds, whether that'd be my choice or the team's. It could be my last game and it could still be the start of another journey. We'll only find out when the dust settles."

SPINNING A WEB

Zampa's length control has made him almost unplayable: Vettori

GETTY IMAGES

Australia's spin bowling coach Daniel Vettori feels Adam Zampa's remarkable control over his length has complemented his other sublime skills in the World Cup. "It is all control of his length, because all the other skills are there. But When you combine that with that aspect of the game as well, he's almost unplayable."

DONE WITH IT

Donald to quit Bangladesh post after the World Cup

PTI

Allan Donald will leave his post as Bangladesh's fast-bowling coach after the World Cup, officials said on Friday. "I'm done and going home," Bangladesh's *Daily Star* newspaper quoted him as saying. His relationship with the Bangladesh Board has soured after he criticised Shakib for the 'timed-out' controversy against Sri Lanka.

'Mission near-impossible' for Pakistan; England eyes CT spot

In a contest which is almost a dead-rubber, Babar's men will need to win by at least 287 runs or chase down a target with a minimum of 47.2 overs to spare; Buttler's side will look to sign off with a win and a seventh-place finish

ODI WORLD CUP

Mirage: Only a miracle of the highest order can help Babar & Co. GETTY IMAGES

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

A 'dead-rubber' militates against everything elite sport packages so well – excitement, anticipation, nervousness, jubilation and energy-sapping exhaustion.

But for players who have no hope left, it is an opportunity for one precious final triumph. For coaches who are increasingly smitten by corporate speak, it is about the search for takeaways. And for the paying public, it is a chance to deepen their belief that there is still bang for their buck.

At the Eden Gardens on Saturday when Pakistan takes on England, the expectation is for all of this to come true.

In fairness, the contest is not quite a 'dead-rubber', but near enough. For Pakistan to enter the World Cup semifinals at New Zealand's expense, it needs to win by 287 runs at a venue where the average first-innings score is 242. Or it has to chase a target down with 47.2 overs to spare.

For England, the only thing to play for is a seventh-place finish, which will guarantee a spot in the 2025 Champions Trophy.

Both teams have landed in the City of Joy on the back of victories.

Pakistan, powered by a sensational century from Fakhar Zaman, beat the Kiwis last Saturday to breathe fresh life into its campaign only for the same Black Caps to nearly snuff it all out with a convincing victory over Sri Lanka.

England's 160-run win over the Netherlands in Pune on Wednesday snapped a wretched five-match losing run and seemingly released the handbrake which Jos Buttler & Co. has been playing with.

It remains to be seen if it can galvanise England into finally resembling the champion unit that it was until not so long ago.

Also at test will be one of the widely accepted truisms that 'cricket is a funny game where anything can happen'.

Pakistan progressing will be blockbuster evidence, but on this occasion, it is likely to prove a fanciful prophecy.

Captaincy has not been a burden for me, says Babar

Still at it: Though Pakistan needs a massive win over England to make the semifinals, Babar insisted that his team will make a fist of it. PTI

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

When the World Cup fixtures were first released, England-Pakistan at the Eden Gardens had a halo around it. A marquee tie between two world champions and potential semifinalists on the penultimate day of the league stage was a mouth-watering prospect.

Come match-day, England is out of contention and Pakistan all but. Friday's pre-match briefing with Babar Azam was thus mostly about sombre reflection and the future course of action.

"I think the South Africa match cost us," said the Pakistan skipper. "We should have won that [and] because of that we are in this stage. There is one match left. You never know. It's cricket; we will try to finish on a good note and then see."

At one point, it was suggested that Babar may consider quitting captaincy to solely focus on his batting, like Virat Kohli for India. The 29-year-old, however, dead-batted it and also brushed aside the critics, albeit in his own understated manner.

"I have been captaining my team for the last three years and I have never felt [burdened]," he said. "Just because I have not performed the way I should have, people are saying that I am under pressure. Everyone has their own point of view.

"*Par kisi ko mashwara dena bhi hai, toh number sabke paas hai*. It is easy to give advice on TV. But you can also message me," Babar added with a smile.

Pakistan's situation is a mirror image of its travails from the 2019 World Cup where it had to defeat Bangladesh in its last league match by over 300 runs to pip New Zealand on net run rate and sneak into the semifinals. It couldn't back then, and this time, it needs a 287-run victory but Babar insisted that the team would not consider it a lost cause.

"It's in our mind and we will try to do it. We can't just go and start firing blindly. There are a lot of things, like partnership, which player will stay for how long. If Fakhar [Zaman] is in for 20 or 30 overs, we can achieve that. Then follow up with [Mohammad] Rizwan, Iftikhar [Ahmed]. We can do this."

Australia takes on Bangladesh in an inconsequential contest

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

It's a rarity to feature in a game that is inconsequential, yet critical. Saturday's contest between Australia and Bangladesh – the last day game of the Men's World Cup – will be one such occasion at the Maharashtra Cricket Association stadium.

Australia, the five-time champion, has already sealed a semifinal place and even confirmed South Africa as its opponent. So what's in it for Pat Cummins' men to motivate themselves.

As Daniel Vettori, an assistant coach with Australia, joked it was imperative for them to finish second and get to use the home dressing room for the semifinal at Eden Garden.

For Bangladesh, having almost assured itself of the eighth spot in the table and a 2025 ICC Champions Trophy berth, only a huge defeat can alter the equation.

In the absence of captain Shakib Al Hasan, only a defeat bigger than 175 runs will result in Bangladesh slipping below Sri Lanka in the points table.

But Nazmul Hasan Shanto's men will hope to stun an on-song Australia and end yet another forgettable World Cup campaign with a win. Even if Bangladesh can be competitive, it will help it move on from the Angelo Mathews Timed-Out saga.

More than occupying the home dressing room, Australia will be eager to extend its winning run to seven matches and enter the knockouts with a psychological edge over South Africa. It will be surprising to see if Glenn Maxwell – who overcame severe cramps in a Herculean unbeaten double hundred against Afghanistan midweek in Mumbai – features in the game.

It will also be interesting to see if Steve Smith returns to the XI after missing the Afghanistan game due to vertigo.

Smith had a real long hit in the nets on Friday afternoon and hardly appeared in discomfort.

For Bangladesh, Mahedi Hasan is likely to be preferred over Enamul Haque in place of Shakib.

Time to try out: Abbott could get a game on Saturday. PTI

Today's matches

Australia vs. Bangladesh — Pune, 10.30 a.m.

England vs. Pakistan — Kolkata, 2 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs

Played 21			Played 91		
Australia	Bangladesh	NR	England	Pakistan	NR
19	1	1	56	32	3

EYE ON THE SKY

Mainly clear, will become partly cloudy towards afternoon or evening — High: 32°C, Low: 19°C

Mainly clear — High: 31°C, Low: 21°C

SOURCE: IMD

All permutations and calculations can be tried, but it will be the Kiwis in the semifinals

Sunil Gavaskar

When the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup schedule first came out, most fans would have marked certain must-see matches. One of them would have been between the defending champions England against Pakistan.

Scheduled on the penultimate day of the group stage, it would have been pencilled as the match that could decide the semifinalists. It still is a match that can technically be called a quarterfinals for the Pakistan team but after New Zealand's thumping win over Sri Lanka in their last game, they know that not even a miracle can get them to qualify as the fourth semifinalist.

All kinds of permutations and calculations can be tried but it will still be New Zealand who will join India, South Africa and Australia in the semifinals.

Pakistan's four losses have cost them a spot in the semifinals. Out of nine matches, if a team won six, it was certain to qualify. India has won eight on the trot and have finished on top while South Africa finished with 14 and can be joined by Australia; they will finish second and third. The net run rate also comes into play and it is here that New Zealand, with 300-plus scores in some games, have done wonders to their run-rate.

For England, the added incentive is to be able to qualify for the Champions Trophy to be played in Pakistan in 2025. To qualify for that, the teams had to finish in the top eight of this event as only eight teams will be participating in that tournament.

They too have struggled with getting off to a good start with Bairstow who was in cracking good form in the English season has just not been able to recapture a semblance of that form and so it's been left to Malan to get the team to a start. With Joe Root and Jos Buttler also struggling, the English batting has just not been able to give their bowlers enough runs to defend.

The England bowlers, too, have not been consistent and for a great part of the tournament, the team was pretty much in the bottom of the table. The last game gives them a chance to redeem themselves and scratch through to a Champions Trophy berth. For Pakistan too it's a chance to go back on a high with a win over the defending champions.

They started the tournament well but after the heavy loss to India their morale seemed down and they were unable to lift themselves. Their team selection, especially that of the spinners, was hard to understand. That area was their weak point and with the much heralded new ball bowlers also unable to strike the early blows the opposition was able to get after the slower bowlers. Babar would be looking to finish on a personal high and lead the team to a face-saving win.

(*Professional Management Group*)

Van der Dussen helps South Africa cross the line

Phehlukwayo's cameo hastens the victory by five wickets; Omarzai misses century narrowly, but helps Afghanistan reach a respectable total of 244 while Coetzee comes up with a four-for

Playmakers: Van der Dussen paced his innings to perfection after Omarzai had lifted Afghanistan from a precarious position despite Coetzee's incisive spell. VIJAY SONEJI

SCOREBOARD

AFGHANISTAN
Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Klaasen b Maharaj 25 *(22b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ibrahim Zadran c de Kock b Coetzee 15 *(30b, 3x4)*, Rahmat Shah c Miller b Ngidi 26 *(46b, 2x4)*, Hashmatullah Shahidi c de Kock b Maharaj 2 *(7b)*, Azmatullah Omarzai (not out) 97 *(107b, 7x4, 3x6)*, Ikram Alikhil c de Kock b Coetzee 12 *(14b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Mohammad Nabi c de Kock b Ngidi 2 *(3b)*, Rashid Khan c de Kock b Phehlukwayo 14 *(30b)*, Noor Ahmad c de Kock b Coetzee 26 *(32b, 4x4)*, Mujeeb Ur Rahman c Markram b Coetzee 8 *(5b, 1x6)*, Naveen-ul-Haq run out 2 *(4b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-10): 15; Total (in 50 overs): 244.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-41 (Gurbaz, 8.1 overs), 2-41 (Ibrahim, 9.3), 3-45 (Hashmatullah, 10.5), 4-94 (Rahmat, 23.5), 5-112 (Alikhil, 26.5), 6-116 (Nabi, 27.4), 7-160 (Rashid, 37.5), 8-204 (Noor, 45.6), 9-226 (Mujeeb, 47.4).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Rabada 10-0-40-0, Ngidi 8.3-0-69-2, Markram 4.3-0-25-0, Coetzee 10-1-44-4, Maharaj 10-1-25-2, Phehlukwayo 7-0-36-1.

SOUTH AFRICA
Quinton de Kock lbw b Nabi 41 *(47b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Temba Bavuma c Gurbaz b Mujeeb 23 *(28b, 3x4)*, Rassie van der Dussen (not out) 76 *(95b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Aiden Markram c Naveen b Rashid 25 *(32b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Heinrich Klaasen b Rashid 10 *(13b, 1x4)*, David Miller c & b Nabi 24 *(33b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Andile Phehlukwayo (not out) 39 *(37b, 1x4, 3x6)*; Extras (lb-3, w-6): 9; Total (for five wkts. in 47.3 overs): 247.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-64 (Bavuma, 10.6), 2-66 (de Kock, 13.1), 3-116 (Markram, 23.1), 4-139 (Klaasen, 27.3), 5-182 (Miller, 37.1).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING
Mujeeb 10-0-51-1, Naveen 6.3-0-52-0, Nabi 10-1-35-2, Omarzai 1-0-8-0, Rashid 10-1-37-2, Noor 9-0-49-0, Rahmat 1-0-12-0.

Toss: Afghanistan.
PoM: van der Dussen.
South Africa won by five wickets with 15 balls to spare.

ODI WORLD CUP

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

By the time Afghanistan's innings ended, its hopes of making it to the World Cup semifinals were already over. The side needed to win by at least 438 runs against South Africa to stay in the hunt, but batting first, the Afghans could only amass 244, despite a remarkable innings by Azmatullah Omarzai (97, 107b, 7x4, 3x6).

The 50-odd Afghan nationals present at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Friday still hoped for a winning-end to the team's campaign. Their cheers and chanting of slogans in Pashto, however, turned futile as South Africa pulled off a five-wicket win, riding on Rassie van der Dussen's unbeaten 76 (95b, 6x4, 1x6).

For South Africa, which has already sealed a spot in the last-four stage, it was all about getting back its mojo after a humiliating defeat against India last week.

In pursuit of 245, it started off cautiously with captain Temba Bavuma and Quinton de Kock forging a 64-run stand. Bavuma, who suffered a hamstring injury, batted gingerly before holing out to deep square-leg off Mujeeb ur Rahman.

A couple of overs later, Mohammed Nabi trapped de Kock leg before. As both the openers were dismissed in quick succession, van der Dussen and Aiden Markram stitched a 50-run partnership. However, Rashid Khan broke the stand and also cleaned up Heinrich Klaasen in the same spell.

Things could have gone awry had van der Dussen not held his nerves. He built two crucial partnerships – 43 runs with David Miller, followed by an unbeaten 65-run stand with Andile Phehlukwayo to guide the team home.

Sans Rashid, none of the spinners could dominate, and making the most of a reprieve, Phehlukwayo went on to hit two sixes and a four off Naveen-ul-Haq – playing his final ODI game – to wrap up the proceedings.

Earlier in the day, Afghanistan was reduced to 116 for six, before the 23-year-old Omarzai batted like a dream to take his team to a respectable total. Though he missed out on the coveted century by three runs, he registered the highest score by an Afghanistan No. 5 batter.

Opening the innings, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran raced to 41 for no loss in eight overs and were unfazed by the new-ball spell.

However, the introduction of spinner Keshav Maharaj turned things around for South Africa. He struck off his very first ball to dislodge Gurbaz and, in the space of 17 deliveries, Afghanistan lost three wickets with just four runs added to its tally. Wickets tumbled before Omarzai forged two key partnerships of 44-runs each – with Rashid and Noor Ahmed. But in the end, it wasn't adequate.

Maxwell, the spinner, has quite a few tricks up his sleeve

Impressive show: Maxwell is one of only seven spinners with an economy rate of less than five runs. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

Be it his fastest World Cup hundred against the Netherlands or the single-handed – and one-legged – unbeaten double hundred against Afghanistan, Glenn Maxwell has been phenomenal with the bat right through the Men's World Cup.

But his pyrotechnics with the willow have kind of overshadowed his effective and economical off-spin. In fact, Maxwell has easily been the standout all-rounder in the World Cup so far.

He has bowled in the PowerPlay, has tightened the noose in the middle and, at times, has even been used at the death. Still, Maxwell is one of only seven spinners who have conceded less than five runs an over despite bowling 50 overs in the World Cup so far.

Australia's assistant coach Daniel Vettori – a legendary spinner himself – gave all the credit to Maxwell for his effort with the ball.

"He is a very willing bowler and sometimes that can be the hardest part of being an all-rounder, that even though you do have the skills, the desire is not always there. And Maxi, he loves bowling. And he loves the strategy that goes into it, probably like with his batting," Vettori said on Friday.

"You see a bowler that's evolved over the last few years. He has been able to, in particular, start to bowl over the wicket to right-handers, which sort of went out of fashion for a period of time, and I think it's his ability to almost get near top-spin, challenge the stumps the whole time from round and over the wicket."

In an era when match-ups overrule skills, most captains tend to avoid bowling off-spinners against right-handers. And when they have to, most spinners tend to be defensive, preferring around the wicket line to curb the flow or runs.

"Particularly in the PowerPlay, going over the wicket and being able to either skid it on or spin it back into the right-handed batsman has been his biggest improvement. It meant that he can bowl at any stage of the innings. And even Patty captain [Pat Cummins] has the confidence to turn to him in the 46th or 47th over the other day to two right-handed batters," Vettori said.

"He is an extremely confident bowler because of all the work he puts in and how skilful and intelligent he is around his bowling."

Maxwell may be rested on Saturday, but Australia will be hoping for him to turn up with all his tricks, including bowling, during Thursday's semifinal against South Africa.

Buzz around Chinnaswamy as the Indians have a zestful nets session

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
BENGALURU

Cynosure: Kohli got plenty of attention during India's practice. K. MURALI KUMAR

Traffic, living up to a Bengaluru cliche, moved at snail's pace. Birds returned to the nearby Cubbon Park to roost. And in this urban-pastoral setting, the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium geared up for its last World Cup match this season. As always, the kites glided above.

Sunday's clash between India and the Netherlands, the final league game of a long-drawn championship, will lure in the crowds. The fans are primed to cheer for the Men in Blue who have tougher battles ahead in the knockouts starting with the semifinals next week.

It may have been a hectic Friday night outside, but inside it was all about the steady rhythm of a ball thudding into a bat as Rohit Sharma's men practised under lights. Being the lone undefeated squad in the current World Cup, India will step in as the favourite on Sunday, but for the players constantly repeating their 'one match at a time' mantra, it was all about getting back into their groove.

There was a bit of light-hearted banter as R. Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah mimicked the bowling actions of Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh. Ashwin played the mentor, fine-tuning Bumrah's attempts of replicating the former spinners' delivery stride. A bunch of fans in the far corner suddenly exulted as their object of affection, Virat Kohli, strode in. With his Royal Challengers Bangalore connect since 2008, Kohli is seen as an honorary citizen of this megapolis.

Slip catches, spot of foot-volley and Mohammed Shami using his long handle against throwdowns and spin, with even Bumrah peddling the slow art, were all at play. And closer to the centre-square, skipper Rohit, coach Rahul Dravid and chief selector Ajit Agarkar had a long chat. The skies darkened with a combination of twilight and some clouds as the North East Monsoon remained a steady atmospheric presence.

The regular batters then got into the act with Rohit despatching the white sphere high into the stadium's roof. Shubman Gill, meanwhile, essayed his pulls and attempted a reverse ramp shot and the fine sweeps. In another corner, Suryakumar Yadav countered throwdowns. In a while, K.L. Rahul and Kohli too wielded their bats, getting their aerial zones sorted, striking down the ground or dancing down to spinners. And other batters awaited their turn.

Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Prasidh Krishna turned their arm over before Bumrah too reverted to his fast act. Most of the players turned up for the optional nets while Ishan Kishan wasn't around. The World Cup has entered its business end but prior to that the Netherlands has to be dealt with. The players kept their eye on that target while a weekend night waned.

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India (Q)	8	8	0	16	2.456
South Africa (Q)	9	7	2	14	1.261
Australia (Q)	8	6	2	12	0.861
New Zealand	9	5	4	10	0.743
Pakistan	8	4	4	8	0.036
Afghanistan (E)	9	4	5	8	-0.336
England (E)	8	2	6	4	-0.885
Bangladesh (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.142
Sri Lanka (E)	9	2	7	4	-1.419
Netherlands (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.635

Q: Qualified | E: Eliminated

ICC suspends Sri Lanka Cricket, cites government interference

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The International Cricket Council on Friday suspended its full-member Sri Lanka after observing government interference in the national board following a tumultuous week.

The Sri Lankan parliament on Thursday unanimously passed a resolution, calling for the sacking of the country's cricket governing body, with both the ruling and opposition parties supporting it.

With immediate effect

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board has suspended Sri Lanka Cricket's membership of the ICC with immediate effect," said the ICC in a statement.

"The ICC Board met on Friday and determined that Sri Lanka Cricket is in serious breach of its obligations as a Member, in particular, the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and ensure that there is no government interference in the governance, regulation and/or administration of cricket in Sri Lanka.

"The conditions of the suspension will be decided by the ICC Board in due course," the statement added.

The resolution passed by the Sri Lankan parliament amounted to government interference and that was enough ground for the ICC Board to suspend Sri Lanka's membership.

A sequence of events unfolded in Sri Lankan Cricket following the team's disappointing run in the ongoing World Cup in India. Sri Lanka could manage only two wins from nine games and is out of the semifinal race.

The main opposition party leader Sajith Premadasa moved the resolution titled 'the removal of the corrupt SLC (Sri Lanka Cricket) management' which was seconded by senior government minister Nimal Siripala de Silva.

The parliament's approval came two days after the Court of Appeal restored the SLC management, headed by Shammi Silva, on Tuesday.

On Monday, Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe sacked the SLC management and appointed former World Cup-winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga as head of a seven-member interim committee to govern the cricket board before the Court of Appeal restored it.

Police protection

While the parliament was debating the resolution, police protection was provided to the SLC headquarters. Several hundred people had turned up near the premises of the SLC headquarters, calling for the resignation of the management.

The criticism of the national team's performance grew louder when Sri Lanka was bowled out for 55 in the run chase against India in Mumbai. The Lankans had also performed poorly against India in the Asia Cup final when they were bowled out for 50 after batting first.

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CRICKET WORLD CUP
TRIVIA CHALLENGE
1. Who holds the record for most dismissals by a wicket-keeper in ODI World Cup history?
2. Who is the only member in the current England squad who was also part of the 2011 ODI World Cup squad?
3. Which city hosted the final of the 2015 ODI World Cup?
Visit bit.ly/wctcterms to read the Terms & Conditions.
Scan the QR code to participate in the quiz. Top 3 winners each day will win exciting gift vouchers
Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Glenn Mcgrath
2. Yashpal Sharma
3. Sachin Tendulkar

INBRIEF

Atletico Madrid extends Simeone contract till 2027

Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone signed a contract extension to stay at the club until June 2027. The 53-year-old Simeone has helped Atletico win two Spanish leagues, one Copa del Rey, two Europa Leagues, two European Super Cups and one Spanish Super Cup. He also led the club to two Champions League finals. The former midfielder has coached Atletico in 642 games, winning 380 of them. Financial details of the new deal with were not immediately released.

Moyes says managers wary of speaking out on VAR

West Ham boss David Moyes believes managers do not want to speak out about VAR controversies because they are either ignored, fined or both. "We're all pretty disappointed with lots of aspects but we're also all very much in favour of trying to make it work," said Moyes. "I just think we've all been disappointed with some of the officiating this season. My single opinion wouldn't matter. They'll do what they need to do. Most managers don't want to say anything about it because we know we're locked down."

Sriram Balaji and Begemann enter Challenger doubles final

Sriram Balaji and Andre Begemann beat Luke Johnson and Skander Mansouri 6-7(4), 6-4, [10-8] in the doubles semifinals of the €145,000 Challenger tennis in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday.

Other results: €145,000 Challenger, Helsinki: Doubles:

Quarterfinals: Balaji & Begemann bt Andrea Pellegrino & Andrea Vavassori (Ita) 6-7(3), 6-4, [11-9]; Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Marco Bortolotti (Ita) & Sergio Gornes (Esp) 6-1, 6-0.
$15,000 ITF men, Hua Hin, Thailand: Doubles: Semifinals: Blake Baydon & Kody Pearson (Aus) bt David Pichler (Aut) & Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-3, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles: Semifinals: Egor Agafonov & Bogdan Bobrov bt Alexandr Binda (Ita) & Chirag Duhan 6-2, 6-2.
$100,000 ITF women, Charleston, USA: Singles: Pre-quarterfinals: Elizabeth Mandlik (USA) bt Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-3, 6-0.

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Korea Masters, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.
NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.
Archery: Olympic Qualifiers, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.
Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m.& 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 1 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

Vaishali is in no hurry to become a men's Grandmaster

The WGM, who is committed to playing in World rapid and blitz championships in Uzbekistan, has no plans to take part in any classical tournament this year; focus is on FIDE Candidates

GENERAL

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

R. Vaishali is hardly three points away from the magical Elo rating of 2500 to complete the formalities of becoming a men's Grandmaster.

But the 22-year-old WGM is not in a hurry to achieve the feat as she has not planned to take part in any classical tournament this year.

As of now, Vaishali is committed to play in the World rapid and blitz championships in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from December 26 to 30.

Vaishali is now glowing in the attention of having qualified for the FIDE Candidates chess (April 2 to 25, 2024 in Toronto) after winning the women's crown in the Grand Swiss tour in Isle of Mann, with a wonderful performance.

"I returned to Chennai only on Thursday. I have just started to think about Candidates. I am discussing with my coach R.B. Ramesh sir and Viswanathan Anand sir. Soon we will formulate a plan," said Vaishali, who was felicitated with a cash award of ₹1 lakh by her college M.O.P. Vaishnav.

Shining stars and a legend: Vaishali, Anand and and Sruthy share a light moment during the felicitation function, organised by M.O.P. Vaishnav, in Chennai. R. RAVINDRAN

Importance of Seconds

Vaishali revealed having a group of Seconds is very important for the Candidates. "We are exploring options [of whether to have foreign or international players or both]. Having Seconds is very crucial," said Vaishali.

Five-time World champion Anand, and deputy president of FIDE, was clear that a structured training is important for Vaishali to prepare well for the Candidates.

"Qualifying for the Candidates is huge. I believe Vaishali will work very hard. By April when the Candidates come, she would have got enough time to be prepared," he said.

On having Seconds, Anand said: "To have Seconds familiar with her game is important. I will do my best to make her ready."

On the eight-player field at the Candidates, Vaishali said: "I have faced all the players in different formats and won against them. But, classical is different because all of them will come prepared."

Meanwhile, R. Sruthy, also a student of M.O.P. Vaishnav, who represented India at the Hangzhou Asian Games in basketball, was presented a cash award of ₹25,000.

India bests Italy for third straight win

LAVER CUP

Sports Bureau

Rushil Khosla and Sohini Mohanty won their singles and doubles matches to help India to a 4-2 victory over Italy in the third league match of the IC Rod Laver Junior tennis Challenge in San Diego, California.

India was in a spot of bother after Manas Dhamne and Asmi Adkar had lost their singles matches, but both of them rose to the occasion in the boys and girls doubles later.

It was the third successive victory for the Indian team after the wins against Britain and USA. India will play Argentina and South Africa in the last two league matches.

The topper of the league will be the champion.

The results (league): India bt Italy 4-2 (Manas Dhamne lost to Lorenzo Angelini 5-7, 5-7; Rushil Khosla bt Michele Mecarelli 6-2, 6-1; Asmi Adkar lost to Ilary Pistola 2-6, 1-6; Sohini Mohanty bt Ylenia Zocco 6-2, 1-6, [10-4]; Rushil & Manas bt Michele & Lorenzo 6-4, 6-2; Asmi & Sohini bt Ilary & Ylenia 7-6(4), 6-1).

Djokovic grouped with Sinner at ATP Finals

Associated Press
TURIN

Defending champion Novak Djokovic has been placed in a group with home favourite Jannik Sinner for the ATP Finals in Turin, where he needs to win just one match to end the year as World No. 1.

The draw for the season-ending, eight-man finals was made on Thursday and saw Djokovic pitted against Stefanos Tsitsipas and Holger Rune as well as Sinner in the Green Group for the round-robin stage.

Second-seeded Carlos Alcaraz headlines the Red Group, which also includes Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev and Alexander Zverev.

The top two from each group advance to the semifinals.

The tournament starts on Sunday and the final is scheduled for Nov. 19.

Asian Para Games medallist Muthuraja and coach felicitated

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

Muthuraja of Coimbatore, who won bronze in the men's shot put F55 and discus in the recently concluded Hangzhou Asian Para Games, and his coach Muruga Prabhu were felicitated by the Ganga Hospital and the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Central here recently.

Muthuraja had a fall and suffered two major high velocity injuries that left him completely paraplegic. He was operated at the Ganga Hospital which stabilised the spine so that rehabilitation could be started.

Following the healing of the wounds, he was transferred to Ganga Spine Injury Rehabilitation Centre where he partially recovered, but still required a wheel-chair.

Wishing him the best: Muthuraja, who was honoured by at a function in Coimbatore recently. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Muthuraja's story is an inspiration for other spinal cord injured patients on how well they can perform. It is also a lesson why patients with spinal cord injuries must take proper treatment which allows them to perform to their fullest ability," said Ganga Hospital director Dr. Rajasekaran.

Three Indians in fray for quota places

ARCHERY

Sports Bureau

B. Dhiraj, Tarundeep Rai and Ankita Bhakat remained in contention for Paris Olympics quota places on the opening day of the Asian Continental Qualifier Tournament in Bangkok on Friday. Dhiraj, the top-ranked archer in the tournament, Rai and Ankita reached the quarterfinals and will compete on Saturday.

As per the Olympic qualification system, two quota places per gender will be awarded at the ACQT on the basis of the final standings of individual match-play competitions.

The quota places shall be attributed to the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of the highest ranked athletes and an NOC shall not obtain more than one quota place per gender at the ACQT.

The results: Recurve: Men: Qualification round: B. Dhiraj (1st, 677), Tarundeep Rai (2nd, 676), Pravin Jadhav (4th, 671). **Elimination round:** Dhiraj got a bye, bt Ezizmuhammet Sahedov (Tkm) 6-0, bt Yue Long Li (Sgp) 6-0 in pre-QF; Jadhav got a bye, bt Ali Kadhim (Irq) 6-2, lost to Mohammadhossein Golshani Asl (Iri) 7-3; Rai got a bye, bt Chun Kit Wan (Hkg), bt Ruman Shana (Ban) 6-2 in pre-QF. **Women: Qualification round:** Ankita Bhakat (2nd, 646), Bhajan Kaur (4th, 638), Tisha Punia (7th, 635). **Elimination round:** Ankita got a bye, bt Sonam Dema (Bhu) 6-0, bt Pia Elizabeth Angela Bidaure (Phi) 6-5 (8-1) in **pre-QF**; Bhajan got a bye, lost to Sataporn Artsalee (Tha) 6-2; Tisha got a bye, bt Ku Nurin Afiqah Ku Ruzaini (Mal) 6-4, lost to Ziyodakhon Abdusattorova (Uzb) 6-4.

Osaka to play Brisbane International

Associated Press
BRISBANE

Four-time Grand Slam singles champion Naomi Osaka will make her comeback to tennis at the Brisbane International warm-up tournament ahead of the Australian Open.

Tournament officials on Friday confirmed Osaka will contest the Dec. 31-Jan. 7 event to start her 2024 season.

A two-time Australian and U.S. Open winner, Osaka was a surprise withdrawal from last year's Australian Open before later revealing she was pregnant.

The former tennis No. 1 announced the birth of her daughter Shai in July.

"I am really excited ," Osaka said in a statement.

We will become solid again when our injured players return, says India coach Stimac

WC QUALIFIERS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Emphasising on the need to stay positive, Indian football team coach Igor Stimac says injuries to key players such as Ashique Kuruniyan and Jeakson Singh have made the task tougher ahead of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.

India is slated to play Kuwait in its den in a 2026 World Cup and AFC 2027 Asian Cup Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2 next week.

India is also playing in the upcoming Asian Cup in January next year.

"We have entered the new phase of our work, and we know it's going to be very hard and difficult on the boys.

We know that the next few months until March will be very difficult," Stimac told the All India Football Federation (AIFF) website. "We are very optimistic then that once the players, who are missing now, are back, we will become solid again and show strength on the pitch, no matter who we play against.

"So, the focus at this moment is how to replace those boys who were the starting 11 players, such as Ashique Kuruniyan, Anwar Ali and Jeakson Singh (currently nursing injuries).

"They were our strength in the latest successes we had. These boys played very good football; they were adding extra value to the whole team," he added.

India won 3-2 against Kuwait on its home turf only once in a friendly match in 2004.

Asked if the group is tough, he replied in the positive and said the aim is to bag the second position.

"Yes, the group is very tough and challenging because we know there will be no easy opponents, and they are the top teams. So apart from that, from the third pot we got by far the best opponents available (Kuwait).

> We are very optimistic then that once the players, who are missing now, are back, we will become solid again and show strength on the pitch, no matter who we play against
> STIMAC

"So, the group is tough at the moment, but we need to approach it game by game and prepare for it. As far as I'm concerned and with my experience in football, November to March will be difficult.

"To prepare well and to make sure that the national team gets enough time to secure the second spot in the group and qualify – that is our plan."

The aim: Placed in a tough pool, a pragmatic Stimac is looking to finish second in the group. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

We don't fear Germany, we're confident in our abilities: Savita

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian women's hockey team might have been pitted against world No.5 Germany in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers but an unperturbed skipper Savita Punia said her side has the wherewithal to overcome the challenge.

At No. 6, the hosts are the second-best side in the India-leg of the Olympic Qualifiers to be held in Ranchi from January 13 to 19. The other teams are: New Zealand (9th), Japan (11th), Chile (14th), United States (15th), Italy (19th) and the Czech Republic (25th).

The other eight teams that will fight for the Olympic spots in Valencia, Spain, include Belgium, Great Britain, Spain, South Korea, Ireland, Canada, Malaysia and Ukraine.

The top three teams from each of the qualifiers will secure their places in the Paris Olympics next year.

Likeminded: Skipper Savita and head coach Schopman are gung ho about the team's prospects. ANI

"We are confident in our abilities, and the rankings of opposing teams don't faze us as we are ready to face all the tough teams that will be coming to India for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier," said Savita.

"We played Germany in July, so we know what we're up against," she added.

India's chief coach Janneke Schopman echoed Savita's confidence, saying that there was a lot to learn from the title triumph at the recent Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi.

"A lot of things went well for us, but there are always areas where we can improve.

"We need to avoid unnecessary cards and make better use of our referrals," the coach said.

"Similarly, with our attacking style of play, we have to face a lot of teams that play with 11 players behind their 25-yard line and we have to get better at creating opportunities playing against a closed defence.

Haryana keeps overall title; Tamil Nadu finishes second

Nishant puts on a record-breaking run in the boys' under-16 2,000m; the top three finishers in the boys' under-18 3,000m event also better existing mark

JR. NATL. ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

Best on show: The triumphant Haryana contingent. M. PERIASAMY

After four days of sweat and toil, it was party time for the Haryana boys and girls as they retained the overall title with a tally of 411 points in the 38t Junior National athletics championship which concluded at the Nehru Stadium here on Friday. Tamil Nadu, with 362 points, had to rest content in second spot.

Earlier, Nishant Karhana did not sweat much on his way to a record-breaking run in the boys under-16 2000m.

His 5:27.02 erased the existing National mark of 5:28.28s set by Amit Chaudhary in 2021.

Vikas Kumar Bind (Madhya Pradesh), Ravi Yadav (Chandigarh) and Shekhar Choudhary (Delhi), the top three finishers in the boys under-18 3000m bettered the meet mark of 8:25.15s set by Anuj Mathur last year.

The results (winners only):
Boys: U-14: 600m: Dev (Har) 1:23.20s;.
High jump: Zubin Gohain (Asm) 1.73m; **javelin:** Hitesh Singh Gariya (Utk) 53.37.
Triathlon: Rohit Raj (Bih) 1929; **best athlete:** Manoj Piploda (Raj).
U-16: 300m: Saket Minj (Jha) 34.72s (NR, Old: Deepak Singh 34.78, 2021).
800m: Sohit Vijender (Har) 1:55.82; **1000m sprint medley:** Karnataka 1:58.00.
2000m: Nishant Karhana (Har) 5:27.02 (NR, Old: Amit Chaudhary 5:28.28, 2021); **hammer:** Arshdeep Singh (Pun) 63.27m; **best athlete:** Nishchay (Har).
U-18: 200m: Anshu Rajak (UP) 21.68; 800m: J. Bejoy (Ker) 1:49.74 (MR, Old: Ankit 1:52.45, 2022); **3000m:** 1. Vikas Kumar Bind (MP) 8:18.06 (MR, Old: Anuj Mathur 8:25.15); 2. Ravi Yadav (Chd) 8:19.81, Shekhar Choudhary (Del) 8:21.58.
400m hurdles: Bapi Hansda (Odi) 51.60s (MR, Old: Durgesh Kumar Pal 51.74, 2010).
1000m sprint medley: Odisha 1:54.37 (MR, Old: Haryana 1:54.98, 2010).
Triple jump: Ravi Prakash (TN) 14.90m; **high jump:** Basant (Raj) 1.99m; **javelin:** Gaurav Patel (MP) 74.57m.
Best athlete: Sandip Gond (Mah).
U-20: 200m: Veeresh Mathur (UP) 21.30; **800m:** Shakeel (Raj) 1:49.90s; **4x100m:** Tamil Nadu (Eugene Shelton, S. Manoj Kumar, S. Karthikeyan & T.K. Vishal) 41.38s; **5000m:** Naresh Chopra (Raj) 14:22.70s; **triple jump:** Vishal Kumar (Jha) 15.56m; **shot put:** Siddharth Choudhary (Raj) 18.65m.
400m hurdles: Karna Bag (WB) 50.74 (MR, Old: Durgesh Kumar Pal 50.86, 2011).
4x400m: Haryana 3:16.66; **decathlon:** N. Thowfeeq (Ker) 7065pts; **best athlete:** Karna Bag (WB).
Girls: U-14: 600m: Sathvika Sakthivel (TN) 1:37.09s; **high jump:** Shravani Sanas (Mah) 1.45m; **best athlete:** Joy Baidwan (Pun).
U-16: 800m: Nivedhya Kaladhar (Ker) 2:16.79s.
2000m: Muskan (Har) 6:31.06; **800m:** Nivedhya Kaladhar (Ker) 2:16.79.
1000m sprint medley: Maharashtra 2:17.44; **best athlete**: Vala Roshanba (Guj).
U-18: 200m: Abhinaya Rajarajan (TN) 24.16 (MR, Old: Dutee Chand 24.28, 2012).
400m hurdles: Akshma (Har) 1:00.15; **1000m sprint medley:** Tamil Nadu 2:12.75.
3000m: Sonam Parmar (MP) 10:00.98; **2000m steeplechase:** Shreeraksha (Kar) 7:23.03; **Heptathlon:** Janice Tressa Regi (Ker) 4185; **best athlete:** Pooja (Har).
U-20: 200m: Sakshi Chavan (Guj) 24.63; **800m:** Ashakiran Barla (Jha) 2:04.46 (MR, Old: Rachna 2:06.12, 2019).
4x100m: Tamil Nadu (S, Akshaya, Vysali Ganesan, Ruthika Saravanan & R. Aswini) 47.50s; **4x400m:** Tamil Nadu 3:50.30; **3000m:** Antima Pal (UP) 9:38.75s.
400m hurdles: 1. Anushka Kumbhar (Mah) 59.89 (MR, Old: M. Loganayaki 1:00.45, 2016), 2. Shreeya Rajesh (Kar) 1:00.17 (MR); **Long jump:** Lakshmi Gemmela (AP) 6.00m.
Heptathlon: K.A. Anamika (Ker) 4664; **best athlete:** Ashakiran Barla (Jha).
Team championship: Boys: Tamil Nadu 170 points; **girls:** Haryana 244.
Overall: 1. Haryana 411; 2. Tamil Nadu 362; 3. Uttar Pradesh 238.

Liverpool loses to Toulouse while Brighton goes top with Ajax win

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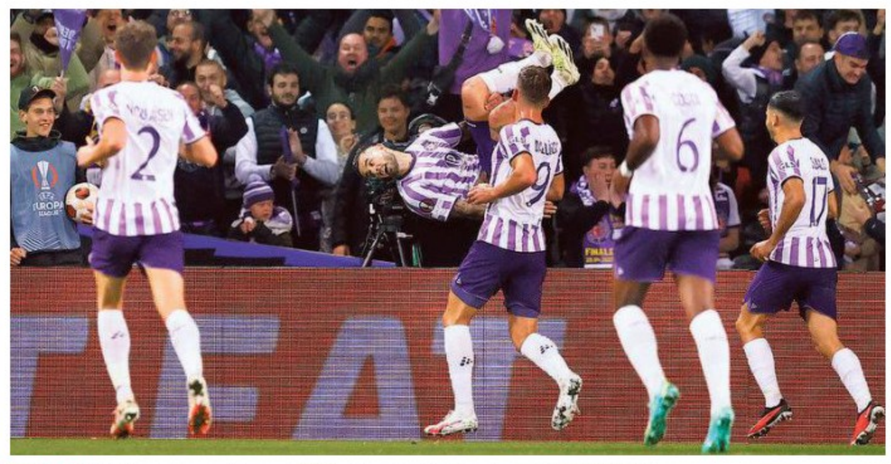

Acrobatic: Donnum executes a neat flip after scoring Toulouse's first. REUTERS

Luis Diaz started for Liverpool hours after his kidnapped father was released but his side lost 3-2 to Toulouse on Thursday as Brighton compounded Ajax's misery with another defeat.

The stunning upset in France came courtesy of goals from Aron Donnum, Thijs Dallinga and Frank Magri as Liverpool sank to its first defeat in the Europa League this campaign.

However, the game was not without controversy with VAR intervening to rule out an equaliser deep in injury-time from Jarell Quansah.

Toulouse now sit on seven points, two behind the Premier League club and three ahead of third-placed St Gilloise in Group E.

In Group E's other game, LASK beat St Gilloise 3-0 at home to earn a first win of the campaign.

In Group B, Brighton took a big step towards booking its place in the knockout stage with a comfortable 2-0 win away to Ajax.

Goals either side of the break from Ansu Fati and Simon Adingra gave the Seagulls a famous win on the home turf of European royalty.

Bundesliga leader Bayer Leverkusen wrapped up qualification for the knockout stages with a 1-0 win in Baku against Group H rival Qarabag.

The second biggest surprise of the night came in Prague when Slavia Prague downed Jose Mourinho's Roma 2-0 to leapfrog the Italians into first place in Group G.

Important results: Group A: West Ham United 1 (Lucas Paqueta 73) bt Olympiakos 0.

Group B: Ajax 0 lost to Brighton 2 (Fati 14, Adingra 53).

Group C: Real Betis 4 (Iglesias 34, Ruibal 64, Roca 79, Ezzalzouli 90+4) bt Aris Limassol 1 (Kokorin 84).

Group E: Toulouse 3 (Donnum 36, Dallinga 58, Magri 76) bt Liverpool 2 (Casseres 73-og, Jota 89).

Group G: Slavia Prague 2 (Jurecka 50, Masopust 74) bt Roma 0.

Group H: Qarabag 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Boniface 90+4-pen).

Slovenia, Italy and Canada seal semifinal berths

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Kaja Juvan helped Slovenia seal its berth in the Billie Jean King Cup semifinals on Friday with a 6-1 6-0 over Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina.

Teammate Tamara Zidansek won the first set of the second rubber against Yulia Putintseva to ensure Slovenia finished top of Group B and join Italy and Canada in the last four of the women's team event. Zidansek retired after the second set with Putintseva as a result winning 2-6, 6-2, which was enough for Slovenia to seal their place in the last four.

Italy and Canada booked their tickets to the last four on Thursday with 3-0 wins over Germany and Poland respectively as defending champion Switzerland crashed out.

The results: Group A: USA bt Switzerland 3-0 (Danielle Collins bt Celine Naef 7-6(4), 6-1; Sofia Kenin bt Viktorija Golubic 6-3, 6-7(1), 7-5; Sloane Stephens & Taylor Townsend bt Jil Teichmann & Simona Waltert 6-1, 7-6(3)).

Group B: Slovenia bt Kazakhstan 2-1 (Kaja Juvan bt Anna Danilina 6-1, 6-0; Tamara Zidansek lost to Yulia Putintseva 2-6, 6-2, retd.; Ela nala Milic & Veronika Erjavec lost to Anna Danilina & Zhibek Kulambayeva 2-6, 6-4, [7-10]

Australia bt Kazakhstan 2-1 (Storm Hunter bt Anna Danilina 7-6(2), 6-4; Kimberley Birrell lost to Yulia Putintseva 0-6, 5-7; Hunter & Birrell bt Danilina & Putintseva 6-1, 4-6, 1-0(10/5)).

Group C: Canada bt Poland 3-0 (Marina Stakusic bt Magdalena Frech 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; Leylah Fernandez bt Magda Linette 6-2, 6-3; Eugenie Bouchard & Gabriela Dabrowski bt Weronika Falkowska & Katarzyna Kawa 6-2, 6-3).

Group D: Italy bt Germany 3-0 (Martina Trevisan bt Eva Lys 7-6(6), 6-1; Jasmine Paolini bt Anna-Lena Friedsam 6-3, 6-2; Lucia Bronzetti & Elisabetta Cocciaretto bt Friedsam & Laura Siegemund 6-4, 6-7(4), 11-9).

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH RAICHUR
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION RAICHUR
NO./EE/RDWS&S/RCR/TS/JJM/2023-24/e-Tender/ 1508 DATED: 09-11-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER
The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Raichur invites tenders from eligible tenderers Registered under e-procurement civil contractors in Panchayath Engineering Department, for Providing water supply scheme to below works, as per KW-1, 2, 3 & 4 Standard Bid Document Under JJM 2022-23 GOI&GOK Fund (90%) &Community Contribution (10%) Grant. The tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table in GOK e- Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.
1) Notification Date: 09-11-2023 **2) Download of tender schedule documents online:** 09-11-2023 **3) Pre Bid Meeting at Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&S, Division, Raichur, 2nd Floor, Zilla Panchyath, Raichur :** 13-11-2023 at 11:00 AM **4) Last date for receiving of filled tender documents:** 17-11-2023 at 4:30 PM **5) Opening of Technical bid:**19-11-2023 at 11:00 AM 6) **Opening of Financial bid:** 20-11-2023 at 11:00 AM
indent Nos.:Manvi: 6380/CALL-2 **Sindhanur:** 2409/CALL-3, 2405/call-4
More details can be had from the Office of the under signed and also through our website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ by clicking the List of Tenders which will be link all Dept. works list.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S. Divn, Raichur
DIP/RCR/210KSMC&A/Job No.207/2023-24

Mail ID : sepwdbalangir@gmail.com
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
e-Procurement Notice - BID IDENTIFICATION No.CCE(R&B) BGR/35/2023-24
Letter No.6160 // Dtd.09.11.2023
The **Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate **composite** bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of works detailed in the table below from **"B" & "A" Class** Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.

1. Nature of Work	:	**Building Work**
2. No. of tender	:	**Building Work - 12 Nos**
3. Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000/-**
4. Class of Contractor	:	**"B" & "A" Class**
5. Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids	:	From **Dt.17.11.2023, 10.00 A.M.** to **Dt.01.12.2023 up to 05.00 P.M.**
6. Date of Opening of Bid	:	**Dt.02.12.2023 at 11.00 A.M.**

7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **http://tendersorissa.gov.in.** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir.
B-1236: OIPR-34131/11/0036/2324

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Address: No.16, I Floor, Sita Vilas Road, Near Marilmallappa School, Mysore-570024
CIN –L85110KA1987PLC008699
Email:mysore@canfinhomes.com
Telephone: PH: 0821-2429699, 7625079114
POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30.08.2023** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Hemavathi G** W/o Mr. Shivakumar M V, **Mr. Shivakumar M V** S/o Venkatappa **and (Guarantor) Mrs. Shanthamma** W/o Late. Chinnappa Papamma to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.21,52,442/-** (Rs.Twenty One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **09th day of November of the year 2023.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.21,52,442/-** (Rs.Twenty One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Only) and interest thereon.
Description of immovable property
Property No.63, situated at 1st Cross, Giriyabovipalya, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysore-570010, Measuring North to South 30.00 feet, East to West (31.6+20)/2 Feet. Bounded by:- North : Site No.62, South – Site No.64, East – Road, West – Kere Angala.
Sd/-
Date: 10.11.2023
Place : Mysore
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CANTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK.
Email id :- seeccuttack@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I/25 of 2023-24 (On-line)

1.	Name of Works	(I)	Improvement of Karandia Left from village Sathilo to Mallick Sahi and Nuna Right from village Sathilo to Baspur Bridge. Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 16 of 2023-24
		(ii)	Improvement to Mahanadi left embankment from Kumarigaon to Bhuasuni (RD 0.00km to 2.00km) and Kandarpur to Routrapur (RD 0.00km to 3.00km). Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 17 of 2023-24
		(iii)	Improvement to Distributary No.11, Kusinga Minor, Pally Minor and Khorat Minor of Machhagaon Canal System. Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I JID 13 of 2023-24
2.	Total No. of Works	:	3 (Three) Nos. works
3.	Tender Paper Cost (Online) (Non-refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) each tender

4. Bid details are as follows

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs.in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE, EC-I MND 16 of 2023-24	630	6,30,000.00	'A' & Special	8 (Eight) Calendar months	21.11.2023 at 10.00 hrs.	05.12.2023 upto 17.30 hrs.	06.12.2023 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I MND 17 of 2023-24	173	1,73,000.00	'B' & 'A'	6 (Six) Calendar months	21.11.2023 at 10.00 hrs.	05.12.2023 upto 17.30 hrs.	06.12.2023 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I JID 13 of 2023-24	517	5,17,000.00	'A'	8 (Eight) Calendar months	21.11.2023 at 10.00 hrs.	05.12.2023 upto 17.30 hrs.	06.12.2023 at 11.30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".
All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site.
A-815 : **Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack.**
OIPR-32370/11/0030/2324

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.
Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com
No: EEPWDGDG PB-1 5:Different Head:2023-24/3487
Dated:- 10-11-2023
Tender Notification
The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of **34** work of total amount of Rs **-1182.66** Lakh (Min estimate amount: **Rs. 2.00** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **181.50** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW- 1 2 3 and 4 through **http:// www. kppp. Karnataka. gov.in/**
(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **02-12-2023**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **11-12-2023** (c) Opening of Technical Bid Date : **12-12-2023** Opening of Financial Bid Date : **13-12-2023**
Work Indent No : 6377, 6387, 6340, 6188, 6282, 5849, 5846, 5728, 5724, 5574, 5858, 5862, 5867, 5868-ST, 5933, 5946, 6083-SC, 6085-ST, 6093, 5404, 6117, 5487, 6116, 6115, 6114-ST, 5645, 5646, 5485, 5445, 5444, 5349, 5965, 6319 and 6392
The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.
GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/297/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.**

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ (ವಿ) ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ.ಕ್ಷ 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಪರೀವೀಕ್ಷಕರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರಿಕೆ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ / ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ / ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು:– ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಕಚೇರಿ 0836–2351024 ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ– ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 13–11–2023 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ
1.ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು
Indent No (**1**) 2781(3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 7,75,000.00,ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**2**) 2255(3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: 2,24,000.00,ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**3**) 2254(3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 364500.00,ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**4**) 1395 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 226000.00.ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**5**) 2698 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1,14,500.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**6**) 2706(4ನೇಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 2,92,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**7**) 1246 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 2,76,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**8**) 5307(2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: 3,53,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**9**) 2964(2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 17,50,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**10**) 2965(2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1500,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**11**) 2122(3ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 13,95,810.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**12**) 2397, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: 11,08,000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**13**) 6719, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ: 375000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**14**) 5143, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 500000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**15**) 6695, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 219350.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**16**) 6854, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1,99,000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**17**) 6853,ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1,99,000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**18**) 6862, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1,54,000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು.
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ
(**19**) 5316 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 4,00,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**20**) 5306(2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 2,62,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**21**) 6817,ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 850,000.00ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**22**) 6836, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1257000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು.
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ
(**23**) 5308(2ನೇ ಕರೆ), ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 5,38,000.00,ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು. (**24**) 2391, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ :ರೂ: 1,50,000.00,ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ: 03 ತಿಂಗಳು.
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● ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29–11–2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ.
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Online Tender / 77-2023-24/ BPR	Bridge Works (BSY) for 2023-24	01 No	Rs. 368.41 Lakhs	"A" Class as applicable	11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

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Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender /77-2023-24/BPR	14.11.2023 at 10.00 A.M.	28.11.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

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